



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

June 2021

Letter from the Executive Director - #LI38: Best & Most Epic Class Ever!

My role at the DCDC, requires that I be able to lead and have vision for our organization and community. I believe professional & personal development is incredibly important in nurturing those attributes. Being exposed to new ideas and environments inspires you to think differently and to view your community in new ways.



I had the privilege of participating in the Association of Business and Industry's (ABI) Leadership Iowa (LI) Class for the past 9 months, graduating in June at their annual conference. My class was made up of 39 leaders from various backgrounds and industries across Iowa. Each of us was nominated, completed an application, and then selected to be part of the LI#38 class. (We claimed the title, Best & Most Epic Class Ever!)

We met for 2 ½ days each month in various communities across the state. Our discussions, tours, and speakers were focused on a different topic that impacts Iowa: Economic & Community Development, Manufacturing, Education, Government, Workforce, Emergency Preparedness, and Agriculture. It was intense, thought-provoking, and 1,000% worth the extra work to prepare to be out of the office! I learned a ton about each topic and had my perspective changed by the conversation with my classmates. The leaders that I met and have become friends with are some seriously impressive individuals!

And yes, I got a lot of ideas for DeWitt! If you are interested or think someone in your office would be a good candidate for this LI experience, let me know. I'd love to nominate them for the class. They could be in the 2nd Best Class Ever and be a better leader for your organization and our community!

Angela Breitzky

LEADERSHIP IOWA CLASS OF 2020-21



THE COURSE FOR OUR STATE

Membership News

2020-2021 MEMBER CHOICE AWARDS

The nominations have been tabulated and your finalists for the 2020-2021 Member Choice Awards are here!! Winners will be announced at the Year In Review at TYCOGA tonight!

Most Promising New Business

- Buttercream Bakeshop & Sprinkles
- Central Therapy Services
- Meyer Pest Control
- Sophie LuRoo
- Weber's Screenprinting & Embroidery

Excellence in Social Media

- Buttercream Bakeshop & Sprinkles
- Jorgie's Bar & Grill
- L&Q Armoire Boutique
- Rittmer Inc
- Sophie LuRoo

Business of the Year

- Cram Chiropractic
- DeWitt Bank & Trust
- L&Q Armoire Boutique
- Murphy's Pub
- Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Excellence in Customer Service

- Cram Chiropractic
- Emma Rae's Antiques & Uniques
- Jorgie's Bar & Grill
- L&Q Armoire Boutique
- Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Non-Profit of the Year

- Central DeWitt Community Educational Foundation
- DeWitt Community Hospital Foundation
- DeWitt Nite Lions
- DeWitt Theatre Company
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

DCDC Membership News

UPCOMING DCDC EVENTS

- [DCDC Year in Review](#) - Wednesday, June 30
- [Family Movie Night in the Park](#) - Wednesday, July 14
- [Family Movie Night in the Park](#) - Wednesday, August 11
- [DCDC Golf Bash Fundraiser](#) - Thursday, August 19
- [Lunch & Learn with Mississippi Valley Workforce Development](#) - Tuesday, Sept 14
- [Revive After Five - First Central State Bank](#) - Thursday, September 16
- [Autumn Fest Movie in the Park](#) - Friday, September 17
- [Autumn Fest](#) - Saturday, September 18



4th of July Activity Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 3

5 PM - DEWITT NITE LIONS GRILLING IN LINCOLN PARK
5 PM - DEWITT NOON LIONS BAKED GOOD SALE
5-9 PM - THE TAILFINS PLAYING IN THE BAND SHELTER
6 PM - DEWITT 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

SUNDAY, JULY 4

2 PM - GRAND MOUND WATER PARADE
DUSK: FIREWORKS AT GRAND MOUND BALLPARK

Grand Mound Fireworks are presented by
the Clinton County Fireworks Association of
Grand Mound. Cash donations are accepted
to fund this amazing event.



YEAR IN REVIEW - ANNUAL MEETING - TONIGHT!

DCDC Year in Review - Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 30, 2021

We are excited to celebrate and reflect on the past year supporting the growth and vibrancy of our business community and navigating a new normal. It is only through the support of your membership that we are able to impact our community in meaningful ways.

Social Hour 4:45-5:45 PM
Dinner 5:45 PM
Year In Review Program 6:15-7 PM
Post Event Networking on the Patio 7-9 PM

REVIVE AFTER FIVE



THANK YOU to [Cram Chiropractic](#) for hosting our May Revive After Five!

The weather turned out perfect for us to enjoy those deliciously grilled tenderloins from the DeWitt Nite Lions out on the driveway!

As a reminder, we are on our summer hiatus but plan to meet back to [Revive in September at First Central State Bank!](#)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



2021-2022 Membership Renewals!

2021-2022 DCDC Membership Renewal Invoices went out recently. If you did not receive yours, please [email April](#) or call the office at 659-8500 and we will send another copy.

If you have any questions on your invoice, would like to upgrade your membership or would like to chat about what we have in store for the upcoming year, please call the office!

BUSINESS FOR SALE!

COMING SOON!

[DCDC Golf Bash Fundraiser](#) is

back for another fun filled year!

Save the date and golf with us at [Springbrook Country Club](#) on Thursday, August 19th.

Watch for emails with info about the event, and registration and sponsorship links!

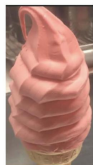


SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE SERIES!

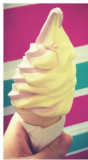
The DCDC is excited to team up with the DeWitt Parks & Recreation Department again this summer to put on the 3rd annual, **Family Movie Night in the Park Series!**

[Wednesday, July 14th - The Croods: A New Age](#)

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



Ice Cream Shop for Sale



Ice Cream Shop for Sale
Cups & Cones - 401 11th Street - Dewitt

Have you ever dreamed of owning your own ice cream shop? Here is a great opportunity to buy a turn-key ice cream shop that offers uniqueness and charm. Cups & Cones has been an established business, thriving in its location in Dewitt for over 20 years and we did not slow down during 2020! If you're craving shakes, malts, sundaes, blenders or floats, we are serving up ice cream with a smile. Along with yummy desserts we also serve burgers, tenderloins, hot dogs, fries and many other appetizer type selections. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Megan Cox for an NDA at megan.cox@junkballoons.com or 563-940-1255.



OFFICE CLOSED!

The DCDC Office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the 4th of July.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN LINCOLN PARK!

Bring the whole family out on the 2nd
Wednesday of June, July & August!



**June 9th
Trolls
World Tour**
Sponsored by:
-Dolly Parton's
Imagination
Library
-ITW Magnaflux
-Still Available



**July 14th
Croods 2:
New Age**
Sponsored by:
-DeWitt Area Fine
Arts Foundation
-First Congregational
United Church of
Christ
-Still Available



**August 11th
Raya and the
Last Dragon**
Sponsored by:
-Guardian
Industries
-Still Available



**September 17th
Onward**
Sponsored by:
-H. Mississippi
Valley Credit
Union

Don't forget the Snacks, Coolers, Blankets & Chairs!



For more info, check out the
DeWitt Chamber & Development Company on
Facebook or visit dewittiowa.org

DEWITT'S WINE WALK

DeWitt's Wine Walk was a blast!

Thank you to everyone that joined us earlier this month for the samples and shopping and great weather!!

Click [HERE](#) to see this year's photos!



Look Local First

**Our March Look Local First winner was
Carla Emmery!**

Congrats to Carla on winning \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

Be sure to keep Looking Local and keep getting your cards punched and turned in at **Randy's Neighborhood Market**, **Scott's Thrifty White Drug Store** or the DCDC office and you could win \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

Watch for us on **Facebook** - we draw LIVE!

LLF Summer promotion details will be coming soon!

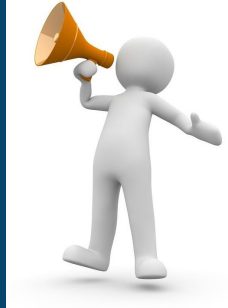


JOIN OUR TEAM

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!

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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.

RAGBRAI is Coming to DeWitt

Have you heard?! RAGBRAI is coming to DeWitt!!

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 30th and plan to join us Downtown DeWitt! Beverage garden, delicious food trucks, live entertainment, and more! Not to mention ALL THE BIKES!

If you are available to help volunteer that day - [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

There are lots of moving pieces to put on this great event, if you are interested in being a part of it, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

[Be sure to Follow Us on Facebook for details!](#)





BECOME A HOST HELP MAKE RAGBRAI RIDERS FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN DEWITT

WHO RIDES RAGBRAI?
67% Male 33% Female
42.9 is the average age of
RAGBRAI participants
69% have household
incomes over \$75,000
50% have household
incomes over \$100,000



RAGBRAI is coming to DeWitt on **JULY 30TH** and we are excited to showcase our town to thousands of riders from all over the world! We know DeWitt residents are great, but let's show the RAGBRAI riders just how **WELCOMING** we are in DeWitt. If you are a DeWitt resident with a yard, a driveway, a basement, a couch, or a business where riders can pitch a tent, park a camper or roll out a sleeping bag – **WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Here are the ways you can become a host:

1. **DEWITT RAGBRAI HOUSING AND CAMPING FACEBOOK PAGE:** This is a great place to connect with riders. Read all about the fun and interesting people from veterans to physicians to teachers who are looking for a place to sleep for the night.
2. **VISIT DEWITT'S PAGE ON RAGBRAI.COM** to fill out and submit a hosting form. This form gives you the opportunity to make specific requests and let us know what kind of accommodations you have available. From there we can help match you with riders.
3. **CONTACT KEVIN LAKE** at dewitttragbraihousing@gmail.com or (563) 659-5127 to learn more or assist you in matching with riders.

VISIT DEWITT'S PAGE ON RAGBRAI.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



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