



**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

Clinton LumberKings DeWitt Day



The DCDC is again partnering with the Clinton LumberKings for "[DeWitt Day](#)".

Sunday, June 3 at 2 PM

Ashford University Field

Clinton LumberKings vs Peoria Chiefs

The DCDC office has 100 FREE general admission tickets available for the game! There is a limit of 4 tickets per person. Click [HERE](#) to check out the entire LumberKings schedule.

NEW! Summer Family Movie Nights in the Park



The DCDC is excited to team up

May 2018

Letter from the Executive Director: What Makes DeWitt, DeWitt



I've heard a variety of presentations this month addressing Quality of Life & Quality of Place; Community Happiness; The Importance of Volunteerism; Small Business & Entrepreneurship; Attracting, Welcoming, & Engaging New Residents; and Creating A Thriving & Vibrant Rural Community. (It's been a busy May!)

Each speaker shared what they found to be the key factors that indicated success in these areas. Not surprisingly, these indicators include above average high school graduation rates and work force participation; growing (not necessarily higher) household incomes; and high demand for housing with low vacancy rates. Indicators that were a bit of a surprise included the importance of increased social interactions among residents and employees; thriving service and nonprofit organizations; diverse interest groups (fka clubs); new residents as leaders; and a community's willingness to consider and implement new ideas, programs, and ways of doing something.

Community confidence and momentum are important, some even said essential. Personally, my favorite indicator is a community's ability to recognize that it is

with the DeWitt Parks & Recreation Department this summer to put on the first annual, Family Movie Night in the Park Series!

Movies will be:

[June 9th](#) - Paddington 2

[July 14th](#) - The Lego Movie

[August 11th](#) - The Good Dinosaur

Add the dates to your calendar and plan to bring family and friends for a great way to enjoy a free night out in DeWitt!

Member Spotlight



Thiel Motors

Thiel Motor Sales was founded in 1972 by Jim and Mary Thiel and sons John and Bob...

[<<Read more...>>](#)

Save the Date!

[6.9.18 Family Movie in the Park](#)

[6.28.18 Year In Review - Annual Meeting](#)

[7.14.18 Family Movie in the Park](#)

[7.26.18 DCDC 101](#)

[8.2.18 Golf Bash Fundraiser](#)

[8.11.18 Family Movie in the Park](#)

DeWitt Ambassadors: Spotlight on Success & First Dollar Presentations

Has your business had an upgrade, award or exciting accomplishment recently? Contact our office to find out how to schedule a Spotlight on Success and what that could mean for you and/or your business!

Read About It! News from our Members

[Paul Skeffington Memorial Race Sponsorship Opportunities...](#)

Do you have news about your business you'd like to share with the DCDC membership? If so [submit it here](#).

made up of diverse types of businesses, organizations, and people; and leveraging the fact that each one is motivated by different interests or passions, which in turn makes the community more appealing to those that are already there, and to those that may come in the future.

I have no doubt that DeWitt is thriving for all of these reasons, and a few others. It's our "secret sauce", what makes DeWitt a bit different when compared to similar places. The DCDC is committed to continuing the momentum, thank you for your continued membership support of our efforts!

Contact [me](#) if you want to hear more about these presentations. I'd love to grab a coffee or lunch and chat.

P.S. 2018-2019 membership renewals are due June 1st. Call or email [April](#) if you need her to resend your renewal invoice to you.

Community Guide and Membership Directory

LAST CALL!

The Community Profile and Member Directory is almost on its way to the printer! This is the final reminder to make sure your business' membership listing is correct in our current online member directory. This includes your business' name, address, phone number, website and category.

PLEASE log into the [Member Information Center](#) (MIC), found on the top right of every page on our website, and double check your listing information.

**DEADLINE FOR UPDATES:
TUESDAY, MAY 29 AT 5 PM**

If you need your password reset, [email April](#).

Member Choice Awards





Thank you to [Thiel Motors](#) for hosting the May Revive After Five!!



All employees of a DCDC member are welcome and encouraged to attend these worthwhile and relaxing networking events! Join us and bring along your co-workers!

Mark your calendars to join us after Summer Break at Country Acres Dog Boarding and Grooming in September!

[View more 2018 Revive photos here!](#)

Check out the 2018 Revive schedule here.



2018 Revive After Five Schedule

Revive anytime between 5-7PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month and join other professionals for these "open house" style networking events! Enjoy a variety of great food, beverages and prizes in a laidback setting while getting to know other DCDC members and learning about the hosting business.

All DCDC member employees are welcome and encouraged to attend!

January 18th – Urban Eats

February 15th - Urbanity Boutique & Urbanity Coffee and Wine

March 15th – Holst Construction LLC/Holst Rental

April 19th – DeWitt Lanes

May 17th – Thiel Motors

June, July, August - Summer Break

September 20th - Country Acres Dog Boarding and Grooming

October 18th - Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors

November 15th - IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union

December - Holiday Break



[Click here for the full PDF version.](#)

The DeWitt Chamber & Development Company is excited to bring you the [5th Annual DCDC Member's Choice Awards](#) ! Initiated to honor and bring awareness to DCDC members for their successes and overall support of our community's vitality! Vote for your favorite DCDC members in five unique categories. The nomination period closes TODAY, Friday, May 25th. The top 5 nominations in each category will be presented to the community for a final vote between June 1st and June 8th.

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE!](#)

Also back for the 2nd year is the category for Best Workplace. [If you would like to nominate your employer for best workplace, please click here to nominate before May 31st.](#)

[Click here to see past winners!](#)

Advocating for our members locally.



Congressman Loeb sack recently met with Bob and Mary Sandry, owners of Sandry Fire Supply and Angela Rheingans, Executive Director of the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company, to discuss small business growth in rural communities and the support our elected officials can provide. Mary Sandry shared, "We always welcome a visit from our elected officials and appreciate the interest in Sandry Fire Supply. We believe in the power and significance of small business, and ask for continued support from our politicians to insure the growth and success of small businesses in Iowa. There are resources available to entrepreneurs who want to start or grow their business such as the SBDC, SBA, SCORE and we have seen firsthand the benefits that these programs can provide."

Sandry Fire Supply is a family-owned and operated distributor of quality fire service equipment, serving



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Thank You!

2017-18 DCDC Investor Members!



COMING SOON: 2018 Golf Bash



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 2nd**. Watch for emails with info about the event and our Early Bird Registration discount. [Check out photos from last years Golf Bash here!](#)



Iowa, Nebraska and part of Illinois. They've been in business for twenty-three years, sixteen of which have been in DeWitt, where they've seen significant growth thanks in part to proactively utilizing many small business growth programs.



**SANDRY
FIRE SUPPLY**

DCDC Year in Review - Annual Meeting



DCDC Year in Review - Annual Meeting June 28, 2018

The DeWitt Chamber & Development Company invites you, your guests and business associates to attend the DCDC Year in Review!

We are excited to celebrate and reflect on another great year supporting the growth and vibrancy of our business community. It is only through the support of your membership that we are able to impact our community in meaningful ways. We look forward to celebrating with you at the upcoming Year in Review!

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

(Optional but encouraged.)

Interested in sponsoring this fun evening?

[See sponsorship opportunities here!](#)

Find out more about Year in Review [HERE](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Are you hiring? Post your job openings on the DCDC website. They'll be posted on our social media pages, included in this newsletter and NOW WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED in our weekly "What's Happening in DeWitt" email that is sent to 1,700+ community members.

[View current employment opportunities here](#)

(Includes positions with [Frances Banta Waggoner Library](#), [ISU Extension and Outreach of Clinton County](#), [Skyline Center](#), and [City of DeWitt](#).)

Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for a few NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Are you a DCDC member that would like to get more involved?



Thank you to our program sponsor:



Our next "eat Lunch & Learn something" on September 4th will focus on Generational Differences.

[Click here to register!](#)

[Paul Skeffington Memorial Race: More Than Just A Road Race](#)



The first running of the Paul Skeffington Memorial Race took place on June 11th, 1988. It was started by the family of Paul Skeffington, a popular local businessman



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

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