

DCDC Monthly

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DCDC Friends,

As most of you are aware, I have accepted a new position with the Quad Cities Chamber. In my new role as Director, Economic Development, I will be collaborating with regional partners to assist businesses seeking to create or retain jobs in the Quad Cities region (which consists of Clinton, Scott, and Muscatine Counties in Iowa and Henry, Rock Island and Mercer Counties in Illinois). This economic development position will allow me to truly focus on business development opportunities, which is something I have come to love over the years at the DCDC. As



DeWitt is part of the Quad Cities region, I am thrilled that I will continue to partner with the DCDC on future business development projects and initiatives.

Successful partnerships with staff, members and community volunteers have led to several DCDC accomplishments over the last few years that have enhanced business success and our community's vitality.

- Support of new business start-ups and existing business expansions (including three new international manufacturers and dozens of retail/service businesses)
- Creation of innovative community marketing tools (TV commercials, community profile guide, visitors guide, DeWitt Delivers campaign)
- Development of value-added DCDC member benefits and programs (legislative advocacy, website promotional tools, communication tools including the "What's Happening" and electronic sign, Revive After Fives)
- Enhancement of signature community events (Autumn Fest and Hometown Christmas)

This is just a sampling of what the DCDC, together with the community, has achieved. I have high hopes that you will continue to support the DCDC's efforts as this is the organization that can play an integral part of moving our community to the next level of greatness.

I leave the DCDC in very capable hands. I have the utmost confidence that Emily, Stephanie and Jenny will continue to make great things happen through this transition and beyond. In addition, you can count on the outstanding DCDC Board of Directors to continue guiding the organization in a positive direction.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our community. I will certainly miss the daily interactions with the businesses, residents, volunteers and community leaders of DeWitt that give so much of themselves to make our community as awesome as what it is. You have all made these past seven years a very special time in my life. I wish you all the very best and look forward to continuing to witness, participate in and celebrate all the amazing new victories that DeWitt Delivers.

Sincerely,



DCDC Welcomes New CSD Teachers



The DCDC was able to welcome & present to this wonderful group of new Central Community School District teachers! Looking forward to a great school year!

New DCDC Sign



Check out the new lighted DCDC sign in front of our office! Thank you to Custom Art & Sign for doing a fabulous job creating it!

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Central Community School District School Board Candidate Forum

Hosted by the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company

Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 Central Middle School Media Center Starting promptly at 6:30 PM

Please join us for the Central Community School District School Board Candidate Forum. Take this opportunity to learn more about the four candidates running for three seats in the upcoming September 8th election. During the forum community members will have the chance to ask candidates questions related to their views on important school district issues.

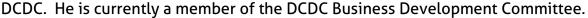
If you need more information about the forum please contact Emily Schmitt with the DCDC at 563-659-8500.

New DCDC Board Members

Kevin Jansen is the President/owner of Jansen Electric Inc.. Jansen has been in the electrical field for 30 years, first working for contractors and then starting his own business with wife Jane in May of 2003. Jansen currently employs five full-time electricians and a part-time Administrative Assistant. In 2014 Jansen Electric Inc. won a national award with Square D/ Schnieder Electric for variable frequency drive installation and sales.

Jansen was attracted to the DCDC after working on the Hausbarn and seeing the activities going on. He has also been involved in many community projects and wanted to be a part of the future of the City of Dewitt.

Jansen thinks being a member of the community all his life and also a business owner will aid in his abilities to be a contributing factor to the





In his spare time, Jansen likes to watch NASCAR racing, play golf and spend time with his family. He is also a New England Patriots Fan. He and wife Jane have four children-Christopher, Kaytlyn, Kaytlinn, and Keeley and a grandson Carter.



Roddy Greig is the Plant Manager at Guardian Industries. He has worked in manufacturing in various engineering and management roles for 15 years, having spent the last 11 years working for Guardian Industries in the DeWitt plant, the last four years as the Plant Manager. Greig notes, "Guardian is an excellent place to work; you are encouraged be entrepreneurial, make decisions and take responsibility. In this type of environment with support from my mentors and managers over the years I have been able to move into various roles and grow my career."

Grieg has always been impressed with DeWitt and believes strongly that the success of Guardian DeWitt is thanks in large part to the great community surrounding them. Over the last few years, Grieg has had the opportunity to

work with the DCDC on various concepts and projects, often including the school district or Eastern Iowa Community Colleges. He saw becoming a DCDC board member as an opportunity to get more involved and help drive more success and prosperity for DeWitt in the years to come. Grieg hopes that his manufacturing and business knowledge can be useful and that his experiences-locally, nationally and internationally-can offer a unique perspective. Grieg is currently a member of the DCDC Business Development Committee and DCDC Branding/Community Relations Committee.

In his free time Grieg loves to watch NFL football and has played fantasy football for the last 12 years. He enjoys working out at Snap Fitness and has recently started running in a few races, including the Skeffington Memorial Race. Grieg was born and raised in Scotland and came to the US shortly after graduating college. His wife Laura is a veterinarian and they live in Bettendorf with their two children Emma (6) and Alex (4).

INSPIRING TOMORROW'S MANUFACTURER TODAY.







Manufacturing Day has been designed to expand knowledge about and improve general public perception of manufacturing careers and manufacturing's value to the North American economy. In addition, manufacturers will learn about business improvement resources and services delivered through manufacturing extension partnerships.





Celebrate MFGDAY on October 9th at Central High School



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National Manufacturing Day was established to educate communities about the importance of manufacturing. This year the DCDC has partnered with the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council's Southeast Hub, Iocal schools, and area businesses to celebrate MFG DAY 2015 by hosting an event that will expose 7-12th grade students to local manufacturers and businesses that support manufacturing in our area. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about careers and educational opportunities in manufacturing.

This event will include an interactive STEM Festival and dynamic presentations to educate and excite students about manufacturing, begin to address the skilled labor shortage manufacturers face, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry.

As a local business it's your opportunity to:

- · Engage with your future workforce by participating in STEM activity booths
- Dispel outdated myths about manufacturing and inspire the next generation of manufacturers
- · Communicate your company's story and create excitement for your industry
- Demonstrate how manufacturing and non-manufacturing businesses support each other in our community

#MFGDAY15

www.mfgday.com

DeWitt Delivers Campaign

The DCDC has launched the community-wide <u>DeWitt Delivers marketing campaign</u> that celebrates the amazing assets of the DeWitt community! Our goal is to educate our local residents and businesses about these assets and instill a sense to LIVE LOCAL, GET INVOLVED, and BE PROUD of our progressive, vibrant community.

Over the course of the next year, a specific DeWitt sector/topic/asset will be highlighted each month in The Observer, DCDC website, community blog, on social media and throughout the community.

Monthly topics:

July - Community Overview

August -- Education

Sept – Housing

October -- Manufacturing

Nov -- Shopping & Dining

Dec -- Civic organizations / non-profits / volunteer opportunities

Jan – Healthcare

Feb - Services

March – Agriculture

April -- Recreation

May - Civil Servants (fire, police, city gov't)

June -- Attractions

We can't accomplish this without your help!!! We want you to proudly tell us your story!!! Within the next few months, you may be contacted to provide general information about a specific DeWitt sector/topic/asset. If you definitely want to be contacted for feedback, please reach Emily Schmitt at eventscoordinator@dewittiowa.org



See the full article here

Ideas for you to share include:

- Points of pride (what are you most proud of with your business/organization?)
- What are the opportunities in DeWitt? (i.e. housing we are working towards more affordable housing)
- How can people get involved in your business/organization? Volunteer opportunities?
- What are the career opportunities in your industry/topic/field/category? (i.e. any emerging careers?)

- What sets us above other communities (differentiates us from other communities)?
- Interesting "Did you know?" facts about your business/organization/industry
- Interesting "By the number" facts about your business/organization/industry (i.e. general surgeries increased by 30% over the last year at Genesis Medical Center, DeWitt)
- Historical tidbits
- Testimonials from consumers, advocates
- Letters to the Editor
- Photos/videos

We hope you are as excited about this marketing opportunity as the DCDC is. We look forward to working with you to compile engaging information that you want to share with the people of DeWitt!



Get Social with DeWitt Delivers Challenge!!

We challenge you to get social with the DeWitt Delivers Campaign and use the **#dewittdelivers** in your "around town" photos! Unsure of what# is? <u>Click here to learn more</u>



How to #dewittdelivers:

- Go to your favorite place in DeWitt. It can be a quiet park or a busy restaurant, listening to live music, in your office or at a sporting event for example!
- Take out your phone and take photo or even a selfie.
- Navigate to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Post your picture with the hashtag **#dewittdelivers**, you can even tell us why you love this spot in DeWitt so much and challenge at least 3-5 of your friends to do the same!!

Getting social with DeWitt Delivers is a fun and interactive way to show your pride in the community!!

First Dollar Presentations

The DeWitt Ambassadors welcomed Amy Petersen, new owner of Country Acres Boarding & Grooming; Connor Murphy, owner of Murphy's Pub; and Nancy Murphy, owner of Murphy's Vintage Picks with First Dollar presentations. Congratulations on your new businesses! We wish you years of success!







Spotlight on Success Award

The DeWitt Ambassadors presented John S. Peavey Law Office a Spotlight on Success Award, recognizing the move to their new office at 916 7th Avenue, DeWitt! Congratulations and thank you for your investment in our community!



Utilizing the Member Information Center (MIC)

Your DCDC membership gives you exclusive access to a variety of tools to promote your organization via the online Member Information Center (MIC) on the DCDC website. By logging in to the MIC you can access features such as:

Membership listing - update your listing to ensure everyone has access to complete, up-to-date information. (Completing your profile is critical to gaining increased visibility and exposure!)

Deals - offer coupons and special deals; fellow members may well be your best customers.

Job postings - submit your own job openings.

Advertise events - add your events to our online event calendar displayed with quick links; use these links to share in your social media, text to mobile devices, add to calendar, or email to others.

Network with other members - check out other member listings, jobs, deals.

Haven't created a login yet? Email <u>admin@dewittiowa.org</u> to request information on creating your personal login.





On July 30th the DCDC held its annual Golf Bash Fundraiser at Springbrook! Thank you to all those that sponsored, volunteered and the 19 teams that golfed... the event would not be possible without you! Check out a few photos from the day and visit our Facebook Page to view the entire Golf Bash album!







Thank you to our Golf Bash teams!

Black Cat Blades IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union

DAC, Inc. IIW, P.C.

DeWitt Bank & Trust Company ITW Fluids North America/ITW Magnaflux

Edward Jones Investments Plasti-Paint, Inc.

Farm Credit Services of America (Team 1) Point Builders

Farm Credit Services of America (Team 2) Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Guardian Industries Corp. Schuster & Co PC

Homeowners Financial Group Springbrook Country Club

Hotel Blackhawk

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Flight Sponsors: Car-Freshner Corporation and Clover Ridge Assisted Living & Alzheimer's Community Food Sponsors: A Storybook Ending Bridal and Prom Salon, Genesis Medical Center, DeWitt and IIW, P.C.

Putting Contest Sponsor: Maggie's House Assisted Living

Additional Sponsors: P&K Midwest - the use of two gators; Floratine Central Turf Products, Flowers on the Side and Necker's Jewelers - raffle prize donations: Necker's Jewelers Hole- In -One Diamond Challenge; V.P. Sheridan Insurance - Goodie Bag donation

THANKYOUALSO....

DCDC MEMBER INVESTORS: A Storybook Ending Bridal & Prom Salon, ABC Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc, Ag Spectrum Company, Alliant Energy Barnes Foodland, Black Cat Blades, City of DeWitt, Clinton Community College, Clinton County Board of Supervisors, Clinton County Farm Bureau, Clover Ridge Assisted Living & Alzheimer's Community, DAC, Inc., David & Sandra Deke, DeWitt Aquatics Center, DeWitt Bank & Trust Company, DeWitt Fitness Center, DeWitt Parks & Recreation, DeWitt Pet Hospital, P.C., Eastern Iowa Community College District, Eastern Iowa Light & Power Co-Op/New Ventures, Emma Rae's Antiques & Uniques, Farm Credit Services of America, First Central State Bank, Frances Banta Waggoner Library, Grand Mound Communications Co., Guardian Industries Corp, Hansen Monuments & Rock Division, Integrated Solutions, LLC, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Clinton County, ITW Fluids North America, Jim & Sondra Seeright, Lindy's 5-Star Flooring, Meant To Be With Flowers, Mediacom, Necker's Jewelers, River Valley Co-Op, Schuster & Co PC, Snap Fitness 24-7 and The Observer

GOLFBASH VOLUNTEERS Brent Smith - Floratine Central Turf Products, Bridget Maher - DeWitt Bank & Trust, Chris Larson- The Clubhouse Indoor Golf & Lounge, Colette Christensen - Vosler Investment Group, Karolyn Kruse - Ag Spectrum, Meghan Strohman- Necker's Jewelers, Pat Henricksen - Lincoln Way Community Foundation, Sally Davis - Clover Ridge Assisted Living & Alzheimer's Community, Tim McClimon - DeWitt Resident

COMMITTEEMEMBERS: Amber Ernst - Senior Loan Consultant-New American Funding, Brent Smith - Floratine Central Turf Products, Emily Schmitt-DCDC, Jonathan Verhelst-Edward Jones Investments, Meghan Strohman-Necker's Jewelers, Tony McAvan-Farm Credit Services of America

Join us for "eat Lunch & Learn something" - Identity Theft for Businesses

Identity Theft for Businesses: Presented by Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center Kathy Middleton, Business Solutions Specialist with LegalShield, will be focusing on the following points:

- What are the 5 most common types of identity theft?
- How can I protect myself and my family?
- What do I need to know as a business owner?

Learn more about the five types of identity theft, and in so doing, learn which is the largest form; and believe it or not, it is not financial.

Lunch from Hall of Fame Pizza & Wings

RSVP before Friday September 11th, 2015

Program Sponsor:



Date: September 15, 2015

Time: 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CDT

Location: Clinton County Satellite Office

226 11th Street, DeWitt

Contact: Emily Schmitt, Program & Events Coordinator

Email: eventscoordinator@dewittiowa.org

Date/Time De- Check-in and lunch is available from 11:30 am to 12

tails: noon. The program will begin at 12 noon and end at 1 pm

Fees/Admission: -\$12 for Member. Discounts will be applied for spe-

cific DCDC Membership Tiers. You will be notified after

registration if you receive a discount.

-Not Yet Members are \$20

Register Now

The Final "eat Lunch & Learn something" Program for in 2015:

November 17th - Hiring & Training Employees, Presented by Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center. Register Now!





Looking to Start a Business or Need Some Existing Business Advice?

What: Free, Confidential and Individualized Counseling Sessions
When: Tuesday September 15th, Noon — 4 pm (by appointment)
Where: 1010 6th Ave. DeWitt IA
(DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Office)

The DCDC has partnered with Marsha Rinetti, Director of the Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center, to bring her services to DeWitt on the third Tuesday of each month. Marsha will be available to speak to both existing businesses and individuals looking to start their own business and provide counseling on a variety of topics, including but not limited to:



- New business guidance
- Business planning and modeling
- Loan proposal assistance
- •Financing opportunities
- Market research services
- Export assistance
- Cash flow projections
- Business growth and succession strategies
- Strategic planning
- •Business continuity planning

To sign up for a free, confidential one-hour session, please contact Kathy at the SBDC at 563-336-3401 by September 8th.



2015 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!

September 17th – Springbrook Country Club <u>CLICK HERE TO RSVP</u>

October 15th - Iowa Mutual Insurance Company

November 19th – DeWitt Memorial Company

December - Holiday Break

If you are looking to host a Revive in 2016, we have one month left on January 21st 2016. Please reach out to Emily Schmitt at eventscoordinator@dewittiowa.org to claim the date!!

Save the Date

- **9.1.15** DCDC Central Community School District School Board Candidate Forum
- **9.15.15** "eat Lunch & Learn something"-Identity Theft for Business, Presented by Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center Register Now!
- 9.15.15 SBDC Counseling Opportunity at the DCDC
- 9.17.15 Revive After Five at Springbrook Country Club Register Now
- **9.18.15** Autumn Fest
- **9.19.15** Autumn Fest Family Movie in the Park
- **10.22.15** DCDC 101 Register Now



Click here to view our Community Events Calendar!



Dewitt's Autumn Fest DeWitt Chamber & Development Company



We want to say "thank you" for supporting local businesses!!

Autumn Fest Celebration-Friday, September 18th, 2015 5-9 PM Lincoln Park Area, DeWitt

Entertainment

Music from "Soul Storm" (BYO blankets/chairs/coolers)

Variety of local performances/demonstrations

(Rhythm Avenue, Millennium Martial Arts and Turn Up The Bass Zumba® Kids)

Children's Activities 5PM-Dusk

Children's Inflatable Games Make-it and Take-it Crafts Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull **Pony Rides Face Painting** Putt-Putt Golf

Other Fun Stuff

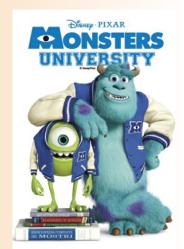
Classic Cars Show **Emergency Vehicle Displays** Variety of Food Vendors **Business Booths** MOD Squad Balloon Drop Lions Club offering KidSight tests Craft Vendors

Autumn Fest Family Movie Saturday, September 19th, 2015

Starting around 7:15 PM in Lincoln Park, DeWitt

This FREE family movie* is a continuation of the Autumn Fest event and is a "thank you" to the community!! Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. Snack type food and drinks will be available for purchase or feel free to bring your own food and/or beverages.

*Children 12 and under will need to be with an adult.



THANK YOU to our Top Autumn Fest Sponsors!!





Thank You!

Mission Statement

The DCDC'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.

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