



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

November 2019

Letter from the Executive Director - Thankful & Grateful

Being Thankful & Grateful is choice I make every day. I am particularly grateful that my "Thankful List" is longer than what I can include in this short note!

As I consider what I am most grateful about in my position with the DCDC, it includes all of you; the DCDC members, volunteers, and businesses that make DeWitt the great community it is. All that we have accomplished in 2019 happened because of each of you and your individual contributions to our community. You CHOSE to be engaged, active, and enthusiastic in the individual organizations and causes you value, which ultimately makes DeWitt a better community. Thank You!



I am also incredibly thankful to work with my amazing team, Molly & April. They make every day an adventure! For a glimpse of how they can have fun while working, check out [this video](#) promoting Small Business Saturday that we posted to Facebook yesterday. It still makes me laugh, and "life is better when you're laughing!"

Speaking of Small Business Saturday, [click here](#) for a list of the hours and specials our local businesses are having throughout DeWitt. April, Molly and I will be snapping photos, posting to social media, and giving away SBS Shopping Bags throughout the day. We hope to see you out and about too! Remember to Look Local First, it makes a difference to the success of all our local businesses!

And in acknowledgement of the "Magic of Christmas", I am very thankful to all those that helped put up the Christmas Decorations downtown a few weeks ago. It was a chilly Sunday morning, but the job was magically completed in record time thanks to the volunteers from Jansen Electric, Gary's Electric, REC, Holst Construction, the DeWitt Nite Lions, and students and parents from Central DeWitt FFA, NHS, and St. Joseph's Youth Group.

Thankfully and Gratefully yours,

Note These Dates

- **November 28 & 29** - DCDC Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- **November 30** - [Small Business Saturday](#)
- **December 2** - [LLF Holiday Promotion Facebook Live at Sarah's Dog Grooming](#)
- **December 4** - [LLF Holiday Promotion Weekly Winner Drawing](#)
- **December 7** - [DeWitt's Hometown Christmas](#)
- **December 9** - [LLF Holiday Promotion Facebook Live at Jorgie's](#)
- **December 11** - [LLF Holiday Promotion Weekly Winner Drawing](#)
- **December 12** - [Santa Hut Open](#)
- **December 16** - [LLF Holiday Promotion Facebook Live at Urban Eats](#)
- **December 18** - [LLF Holiday Promotion GRAND PRIZE Drawings!](#)
- **December 19** - [Santa Hut Open](#)
- **December 24 & 25** - DCDC Office Closed for Christmas
- **December 31 & January 1** - DCDC Office Closed for New Year's

Membership News

Welcome New Member!

[Deep Roots Yoga](#)

Deep Roots Yoga & Wellness is the areas first "hot" yoga studio, located in DeWitt. They offer a variety of classes every week with many membership options.

Clients can drop-in, however registering is encouraged.

719 11th Street, DeWitt

<http://www.deeprootsdewitt.com/>



Member Events:



We packed the house at [American Mutual Insurance Association](#) and [Legacy Insurance Group](#) on Nov. 22 for our final Revive After Five of 2019!



Thank you to all who joined us for our November eat Lunch & Learn something event on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Clinton County Satellite Office.

The food was great, the company was friendly and the door prizes were amazing! Thank you for hosting us!

Reminder that there is no Revive in December. See you in January!

**Stay tuned for the 2020
Revive After Five schedule!**

Barry Vosler, Vosler Investment Group, presented on "Social Security for you and your employees." We learned all about the ins and outs of when to start collecting our benefits! Thank you to Subway for catering!

Sponsored by:



This month the DeWitt Ambassadors presented a First Dollar to [Deep Roots Yoga and Wellness](#). Deep Roots is the first hot yoga studio in the area - and it is HOT! (They also do not-hot yoga too!) If you are looking for a warm place to hang out this winter - sign up online for a class!

[Deep Roots Yoga](#)

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The DeWitt Ambassadors stopped by [A Storybook Ending Bridal Salon](#) to help them celebrate their 30th Anniversary with a Spotlight on Success! Crystal shared their history of growth and several of our Ambassadors shared their stories of shopping for their dresses with Crystal and Christi! Thank you for adding so much sparkle to our downtown and all you do in DeWitt!

[A Storybook Ending Bridal Salon](#)

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2019 Hometown Christmas



DEWITT'S HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2019



9-11 AM: Santa's Arrival & Photo Opportunity at Emmaus Road Church!
Santa arrives via fire truck at 9 am to visit with children and take photos! The popular "Santa Picture Pass" will be available to all families to avoid waiting in a long line! Visits with Santa are free with a canned food donation for the DeWitt Referral Center!

9-11 AM: Children's Christmas Carnival at Emmaus Road Church!
Enjoy 25 cent carnival games, carnival prizes, make & take crafts, plus more!

11:15 AM: Family Holiday Movie at the DeWitt Operahouse Theater!
Doors open at 11:15 am. Free entrance and a free hot dog lunch provided by the DeWitt Nite Lions with a canned food donation for the DeWitt Referral Center! Concession stand will also be available. "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" will be shown. For safety purposes, children must be escorted to and from the movie if parents are not attending. Entrance into the movie and lunch are based on a first-come first-serve basis, space and quantities are limited.

5 PM: Lighted Pickup Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting in Lincoln Park!
Starting on South 6th Ave, traveling North and ending at Lincoln Park to help light the big Christmas Tree!

5-7 PM: Live Window Walk!

Live & Lit Holiday Windows, Warning Stations, Christmas Hidden Letter Search, Campfire S'mores, Live Nativity Scene, Gingerbread House Contest, Holiday Wreath Contest & Silent Auction, DeWitt Nite Lions Dinner (free with canned food donation) with bake sale, and more! Many businesses will have extended hours, Gingerbread and Holiday Wreath Contest registration forms can be picked up at the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company office, DeWitt Bank & Trust and First Central State Bank!

Mistletoe Sponsors



Snowflake Sponsors

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Jingle Bell Sponsors

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More info at dewittiowa.org

DeWitt's Hometown Christmas Saturday, December 7th

Kid's Christmas Carnival

9-11 AM: Santa arrives at [Emmaus Road Church](#) to visit with children and listen to their wish lists. The popular "Santa Picture Pass" will be available to all families to avoid waiting in a long line! Visits with Santa are FREE - but we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the [Referral Center](#).

Carnival games, make-it & take-it crafts, and carnival prizes are all donated and located at [Emmaus Road Church](#).

Kid's Christmas Movie*

at the [DeWitt Operahouse Theater](#)

11:30 AM: Hot dog lunch sponsored by the [DeWitt Nite Lions](#) before the movie.
11:45 AM: Movie - Dr. Seuss' The Grinch will be playing

*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.

Lighted Pickup Parade

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

Christmas Tree Lighting

5:15 PM: After the Lighted Pickup Parade, join us at Lincoln Park by the Community Center for the Lighting of the big Christmas Tree.

HUGE **THANK YOU** to our Title Sponsors!





Live Window Walk
5-7 PM: Live Holiday Windows, Gingerbread House Contest, Warming Stations and Caroling in the Downtown area. Wreath Contest and Silent Auction, [DeWitt Jr Women](#) Bake Sale and dinner sponsored by the [DeWitt Nite Lions](#) at the Community Center.

[Join the event on Facebook.](#)

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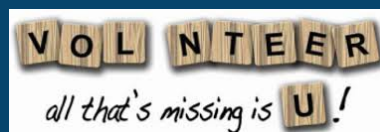
Post your available positions on the DCDC website for free. They'll be shared on our social media pages, in our weekly "What's Happening" e-newsletter and in this monthly newsletter.

[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!



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.

Chamber Bucks

Do you have a hard to shop for person on your Christmas list this year? Are you

looking to get employees something they'll use and appreciate this year?
The DCDC has you covered!!
Chamber Bucks make a GREAT GIFT for ALL!
And we've got TWO options for delivery this year! Both options are a great way to
keep your spending local!



The new Chamber Bucks eGift Cards are LIVE! [Purchase yours today!](#)

These new eGift Cards can be purchased online anytime and emailed or texted to your employees, kids' teacher, loved ones, friend who never buys a round at the local pub or the guy that shovels your sidewalk!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the over 20 businesses now redeeming the eGift Cards!



Don't worry! Our Chamber Bucks Gift Checks are not going away!! Gift Checks can be purchased at [DeWitt Bank & Trust](#), [First Central State Bank](#), [Emma Rae's Antiques & Uniques](#) and the DCDC Office!

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the list of redeeming businesses for the gift checks!

Please [email April](#) or call 659-8500 for orders over \$150 and we'll have them ready for you to pick up!

Look Local First!



Look Local First Holiday Promotion!

November 30th is the 10th Anniversary of [Small Business Saturday](#) and the DCDC is taking that opportunity to break into the shopping season with our Look Local First (LLF) Holiday Promotion!

Monday was the first of our Facebook Live drawing at [Meant to Be with Flowers!](#) Lisa drew [Butt's Meat](#) as our location that we visited this morning, to draw this week's Look Local First winner of a \$50 Gift Certificate to their butcher shop! Check out the Facebook live videos [here](#) and [here](#)!



Join is at 10 AM on Facebook at these sponsored locations:

Monday, Dec. 2 at [Sarah's Dog Grooming Service](#)

Monday, Dec. 9 at [Jorgie's Bar and Grill](#)

Monday, Dec. 16 at [Urban Eats](#)

Then find us on Facebook again on the following Wednesday's where we will be drawing the lucky weekly winner! The LLF Holiday Promotion will conclude on Wednesday, December 18th with the Grand Prize Package Drawings!



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Leadership, as I tell my 8th grade students in our Middle School Leadership Council, is something that should not be turned off and on. It is a characteristic that tugs at you, guides your decision making, and can have the power to help others in our community, school, family, or even world. Some people are born to lead, and others are uncomfortable in the role but know when the right cause or opportunity presents itself, that it has to be done...

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