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**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.

## DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

October 2021

### Letter from the DCDC Chair - Get out the vote!

As Chairperson of the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company (DCDC), I feel it's important to take a moment to remind you that November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day for our area cities and school boards. I firmly believe there is no greater responsibility for citizens living in a democracy than to exercise that right to cast a vote, with that I have some thoughts I want to share.



1<sup>st</sup> – The City of DeWitt will be electing a new Mayor for the first time in 22 years. Don Thiltgen held the position of mayor during that time, and served as a council member for 12 years prior, for an impressive 34 years in office. Mayor Don did a wonderful job of representing DeWitt and fostered a culture of collaboration and partnership with our local and regional leaders to position our community and region to be ready for growth opportunities when they arose. Thank you Don for your time, leadership, and genuine love of DeWitt. It made a significant impact.

2<sup>nd</sup> – While the positions of Mayor and council members are not contested in DeWitt, Grand Mound, Low Moor, or Welton this election, it is worth thanking these candidates for their willingness to serve. Whether they are incumbents or new civil servants, their time and efforts have been and will continue to be appreciated. Thank you.

3<sup>rd</sup> – This year's Central DeWitt School Board election is different than most

previous years, with four people running for two positions. (Geoff Blandin, James Coomer, Brandon Pangman, and Angela Rheingans.) I am incredibly proud that our community has had four people step forward to be considered for the Central DeWitt School Board, a role that is instrumental in steering the direction of how we educate the community's youth. Considerable time and effort have been put in by all the candidates and their supporters. If that commitment and passion is an indication of their efforts after the election, the students and Central DeWitt Community Schools are sure to be the real winners.

Please make a point to vote on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your vote does matter. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Click [here](#) to confirm where you vote by your home address.

### **Letter from the DCDC Executive Director - It's coming!**

A few weeks ago I was able to attend the official groundbreaking of Clinton Community College's (CCC) new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center, to be located in Clinton. The picture at right is a selfie with Brian Kelly, CCC's President. We took this in celebrating of this event, and in anticipation of the groundbreaking that will be held this coming spring for a similar CTE Center in DeWitt, specifically in the Crossroads Business Park.



These centers are part of the \$40-million bond referendum to expand career and technical training opportunities across Eastern Iowa Community College's service area. (The bond was overwhelmingly passed last March.) High school students from Central DeWitt, Calamus-Wheatland, Northeast, Maquoketa, and Clinton will be able to attend these centers, providing increased opportunity to receive hands-on career training, concurrent enrollment in college-level classes, and increased exposure to high-demand, skilled trades.

The planned career academies include Agriculture, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Culinary, Education, Engineering Technology, Healthcare, Information Technology, and Welding Technology.

These CTE Centers are a long time in coming, the conversations about their need and how to make them happen pre-dating not only myself as a community and economic developer, but also many of the education leaders and administrators that were part of the groundbreaking. It was a very exciting day.

CCC anticipates that the Clinton center will open in the fall of 2022 and the DeWitt center in the spring of 2023. I am very excited to be part of the next groundbreaking, but even more so for the ribbon cuttings to officially open these centers.

If you'd like to learn more about what's planned for the DeWitt Center, and what



that means for students, businesses, and our regional workforce, give me a call.

For more information, and to view floor plans and artist's renderings of the Clinton Career and Technical Education Center, visit [eicc.edu/groundbreaking](http://eicc.edu/groundbreaking).

Sincerely,



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## Membership News

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### UPCOMING DCDC EVENTS

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- [Revive After Five - Sashollie](#) - Thursday, November 18
- [Small Business Saturday](#) - Saturday, November 27
- [DeWitt's Hometown Christmas](#) - Saturday, December 4th

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### UPCOMING DCDC Promotions

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- [Look Local First - Holiday Promotion](#) - Starts Small Business Saturday
- [Chamber Buck Holiday Promotion](#) - Buy \$50 in Chamber Bucks, receive an additional \$10 in Chamber Bucks for **FREE!** (Limit \$200 per person, promotion only available in DCDC office.) **Starts December 1st!**
- [Wreath Decorating Contest & Silent Auction](#) - Registration form [HERE](#)
- [Gingerbread House Decorating Contest](#)

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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- [XRP Fitness](#) - Contact email: [contact@xrpfitness.com](mailto:contact@xrpfitness.com), Visit their website [HERE!](#)
- Don Thiltgen, Individual Member

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## Events



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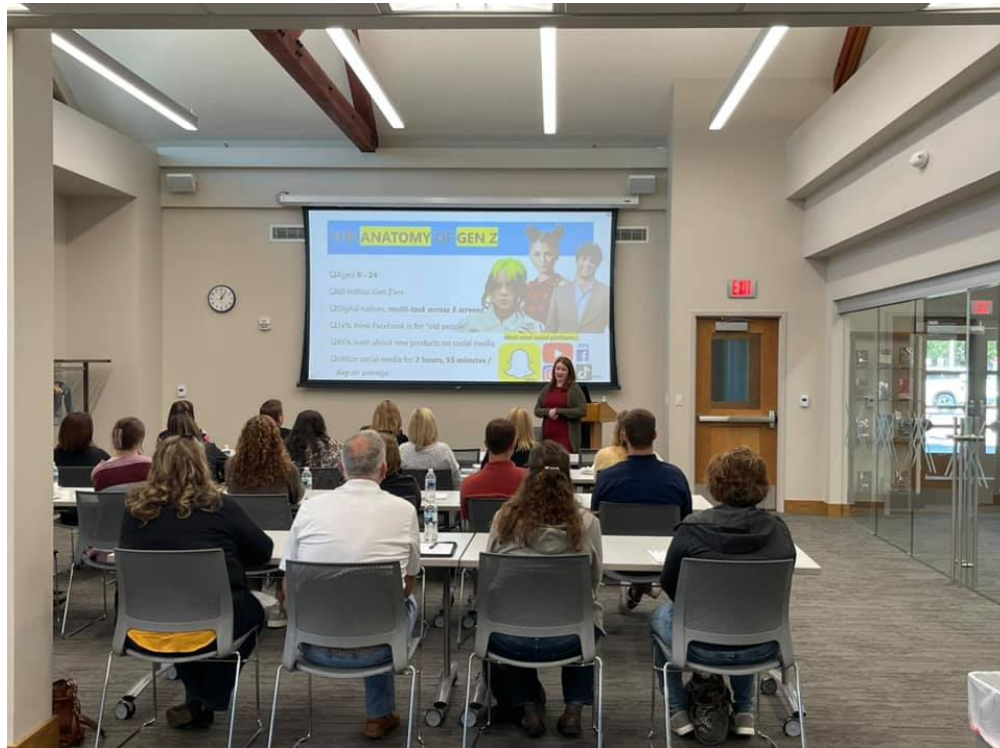
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## "Eat Lunch & Learn Something"

Hosted on October 19th at the DeWitt Community Library.

[TAG Communications](#) taught us how to use social media to our advantage and learn who your target audience should be! Thank you to everyone who attended!



[A special Thank you to the sponsor of our event:](#)





# SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY

## Revive After 5

Hosted on October 21st at 1st Gateway Credit Union &  
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union!







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## First Dollar Presentation

### XRP Fitness

XPRP Fitness is a Cross Fit gym that offer workouts for beginners and more experienced individuals. Both morning and afternoon classes are available to suit as many schedules as possible. Contact them at [contact@xprfitness.com](mailto:contact@xprfitness.com), or visit their website [HERE!](#)



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**Things You Need To Know**

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## Happy Halloween Weekend!

Ekstrand, Grace Lutheran & St. Joe's Preschoolers did their annual Downtown Trick or Treating!



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**DCDC OFFICE CLOSED**

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**The DCDC office will be closed on:**  
**Thursday, November 25th,**  
**Friday, November 26th,**  
**Friday, December 24th**

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**Attention Homeowners**



# Need Help

**WITH HOME REPAIRS?**

The City of DeWitt has a program to help Low to Moderate income city residents with needed rehabilitation of their homes. Repairs could include roof, furnace, siding, water heater, electrical, windows, among many others.

**Applications available at City Hall, 510 9th St**

Applications also available online at  
[www.cityofdewittiowa.org](http://www.cityofdewittiowa.org)

City Hall hours are 7 am to 5 pm M-F.

For priority status applications must be received  
by November 29, 2021 by 5 p.m.

**Contact Now!**  
**563-659-3811**



## Look Local First

**Congratulations to our Look Local First September Winner Lori Michel!!**

Be sure to get 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 our monthly drawing for \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

Next drawing will be held on Facebook Live on  
November 1st!







## 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.

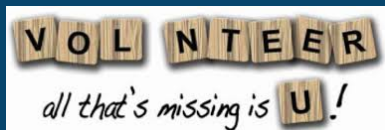
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Do you have exciting news about your company you would like to share? Have you hired a new staff member, been recognized in your industry, or expanded your products & services?

[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.



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