



**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

Save the Date

[10.19.17 SBDC Counseling Opportunity](#)

[10.19.17 Revive After Five - Ohnward Insurance Group & Central Realty](#)
[Register Here!](#)

[10.26.17 DCDC 101](#)
[Register Here](#)

[11.07.17 "eat Lunch & Learn something" Sales Training](#)
[Register Here](#)

[11.16.17 Revive After Five - Farm Credit Services of America](#)
[Register Here](#)

Welcome New Member!

[Sun Central Tanning Salon](#)

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September 2017

Letter from the Executive Director:



Last week I was invited to share a few thoughts about DeWitt and the DCDC with this year's Central DeWitt Hall Of Fame inductees. While pulling together my notes on what to say, and then reflecting on how that presentation went, I found myself coming back to the same thought; so much has changed since these inductees graduated, but it's really still the same! How can that be?

Obviously there have been significant changes. DeWitt has many new businesses, community leaders, neighborhoods and amenities, like the trail system, aquatic center and the library. (Remember when the Library was located in the Old Library?) And no doubt the school district facilities, as well as the name of the school itself, has changed.

But what hasn't changed is the strong sense of community; the abundance of individuals that freely give of their time and expertise to make organizations, events and the town better each day; the community pride that so many feel, regardless of if they grew up in DeWitt or chose to move here; and my personal favorite, that fact that DeWitt just doesn't think it's small, so it continues to innovate, adapt, improve and become a better version of itself, without really changing!

First Dollar Presentations



The DeWitt Ambassadors recently recognized [Soul Sisters Boutique](#) for moving to their new location and expanding in the downtown, with a [Spotlight on Success Award](#)! Congratulations Soul Sisters Boutique!

Soul Sisters Boutique
814 6th Ave.
DeWitt, IA 52742
(563) 659-6522



The DeWitt Ambassadors recently recognized [Cetera Advisor Networks](#) for 25 years of service, with a Spotlight on Success Award! Congratulations Cetera Advisor Networks!

Cetera Advisor Networks
815 6th Ave.
DeWitt, IA 52742
(563) 659-3211

Welcome Brianna Jorge!

I'm proud to be part of the leadership of our community and looking forward to seeing all the ways DeWitt will change, and stay the same!

Angela

Manufacturing and STEM Fest Friday, Oct. 6 from 1-3 PM



The DeWitt Chamber & Development Company has partnered with the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council to host our bi-annual Manufacturing & STEM Fest at Central DeWitt High School on Friday, October 6th from 1-3 pm. This event will engage 7-12th grade students from rural Clinton County School Districts (Calamus-Wheatland, Central DeWitt, Northeast and St. Joe's). The event will provide an opportunity for local manufacturers and businesses to illustrate their role in these industries and promote career opportunities available to this future workforce. National Manufacturing Day was developed to help educate communities about the current manufacturing environment in addition to increase awareness about challenges facing the industry. Please visit the website, mfgday.com, for more information.

In order to keep this event fun and engaging, we will have different sessions for the students. They will hear from different speakers specializing in Advanced and Local Manufacturing. The 7th and 8th Grade students will tour the Career Technical Education (CTE) rooms and see what opportunities they could take advantage of during their high school years. All grades will participate in the STEM Fest, which will include hands-on interactive booths, illustrating how and what the business manufactures, how the use of today's technologies use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), and how they support these industries.

If you are interested in having a STEM Fest booth for your business at the upcoming Manufacturing & STEM Fest Event, please contact me, [Erin Niemann](#), as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you to plan this dynamic and educational event! Your partnership is key to its success!



Brianna Jorge is very excited to be apart of the DCDC staff. As an intern she helps out with marketing, event planning, and wherever needed!

[Learn more about Brianna here!](#)

Read About It! News from our Members

Business Trick or Treating
[The Creative Learning Center](#), [St. Joe's](#), [Grace Lutheran](#), [Ekstrand](#), and [Kids Business](#) preschool programs will be trick or treating on Tuesday, October 31st...[read more](#)

Lunch Buddy Mentor
[Ekstrand](#) and the [Intermediate School](#) are looking for volunteers (community and/or business members) to serve as a Lunch Buddy Mentor. A Lunch Buddy is someone who can support, encourage and mentor a student while they are attending K-6 Central Schools...[read more](#)

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

Revive After Five



Join us for the [October Revive](#)



This year marked the 30th annual Autumn Fest celebration in DeWitt! [Autumn Fest](#) and [Autumn Fest Family Movie in the Park](#), were held on September 15th and 16th. The weekend was a great success thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and committee members! Thank you also to the estimated 1,000 plus people that attended, what a great weekend in DeWitt! The event was put on by the DCDC as a "Thank You" to those that support DeWitt! The night had a variety of activities and attractions: children's games, activities, live music from the [Playlist QC](#), food vendors, a classic car show, emergency vehicle display and more! Thank you to our Autumn Fest Title sponsors; [Guardian Industries](#), [Kamper Korner](#) and [Window World](#) for your support along with our gold, silver, and bronze sponsors! Thank you also to our Title sponsor for the Family Movie Night, [IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union](#).

[View a full list of sponsors here!](#)

[Check out photos from this year's Autumn Fest event on Facebook.](#)

Did you attend Autumn Fest? Give us your feedback on the event and take this very [short survey](#).

Thank you to all who participated in this year's chalk contest and to this year's winners!



Congrats to [Farm Credit Services of America](#), this year's business winner!



Congrats to this year's [student winner, Lexi Birks](#)

After Five at [Ohnward Insurance Group](#) & [Central Realty](#) on 10.19.17 [RSVP here!](#) All employees of a DCDC member are welcome and encouraged to attend these worthwhile and relaxing networking events! Join us and bring along your coworkers! [Check out more photos from the 2017 Revives!](#)

[View the 2017 Revive schedule!](#)

Are you interested in hosting a Revive in 2018??

Months are limited so please contact [Emily](#) ASAP if you are interested in securing a month to host at your business! [Discover the benefit of hosting a Revive!](#)



[View employment opportunities here](#) posted by our members!

Hot Deals!

[Check out the latest Hot Deals from our DCDC Members!](#)

Get Involved!



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

Do you have an interest in learning about the different ways you can give your time, ideas and input?

If so, now is the time to express your interest and learn more about becoming a volunteer.

Please contact Angela at 659-

Look Local First Update

Thank you to all that have supported and participated in the Look Local First Initiative!



Congrats to our latest [LOOK LOCAL FIRST](#) (LLF) winner!



Congratulations to Diane Carr!

The LLF program will continue with MONTHLY Drawings of \$50 in Chamber Bucks. Keep getting your cards punched and drop them off at Randy's Neighborhood Market, Scott Drug Store or the DCDC Office before the last Business Day of the month.

Watch for our LLF Holiday Promotion coming soon!

[Keep Looking Local First DeWitt!](#) [#LLFDeWitt](#)

Read the latest DeWitt Delivers Community Blog entry!

[Thankful I Was Born In a Small Town with BIG Opportunities](#)



Read our latest DeWitt Delivers Community Blog! In the spirit of Homecoming Week, hear from a Central DeWitt Alumni whose experiences growing up in DeWitt have helped prepare her for an exciting future!...»

Subscribe to the [DeWitt Delivers Community Blog](#) and stay connected with the voices of the community.

Stay Connected



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