

Seniors get dose of financial reality

Nearly 200 DeForest Area High School seniors learned some financial lessons on Tuesday, May 22, as the high school and DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce presented them with Reality Day 2007. Students spent their time confronting hypothetical financial situations and making spending decisions.

In January students participated in a financial literacy questionnaire and career interest survey, where they chose a future occupation. When they arrived for Reality Day on the 22nd, they were given a "life status card" with their occupation, a monthly salary, marital status, number of children and student loan debt amounts. Each student traveled to different stations staffed by local businesses where they paid taxes, opened checking accounts, bought cars, paid for unexpected medical expenses, purchased insurance and picked up household necessities, such as clothes and groceries. Their goal? To stay within their monthly budget and maintain an accurate checkbook.

While a struggle for some to make ends meet, most students accomplished their goal and found that they learned quite a bit about managing their money.



Sheila Smozynski from DeForest Wishing Well and Denise Thompson from Windsor Wishing Well explain the cost of child care to students.



Rachel Larson of DMB Community Bank gives advice to a student at the SOS station.



Stacey Hanson helps students make their automobile purchases.



Kari Anderson from Accurate Accounting Service and Emmy Giovanni from DMB Community Bank assist students in paying their taxes, depositing their salary into a checking account, and paying student loans.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

Local business, school district, and community volunteers who helped make the first annual Reality Day a success are listed on page 2.

Thank you Planning Committees!

DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee: Trisha Rodekamp, Debbie Brewster, Kari Anderson, Meredith Bakke, Deanna Giovanni, Scott Doleshaw, Angela Infusino-Braun, Nate Metzger, Kari Schraufnagel, Renee Capozziello
High School Planning Committee: Lisa Aldrich, Debbie Brewster, Gwen Dolph, Erin Kindred, Lori Kvalheim, MelodyLeung, Jen McGorray, Peter O'Neil, Tim Onsager, Amy Sarnow, Kari Schraufnagel, Judi Walsh, Trisha Rodekamp

Students and staff bid farewell to retirees

Lamar Johnson

Social Studies Teacher
DeForest Area Middle School
39 years of service

Donald Batty

Math Teacher
DeForest Area High School
38 years of service

Peg Blaska

English Teacher
DeForest Area Middle School
36 years of service

JoAnn Loersch

Elementary School Teacher
DeForest Area Middle School
32 years of service

Bonnie Steltenkamp

Reading Teacher
Morrisonville Elementary School
30 years of service

Barbara Romano

6th Grade Teacher
DeForest Area Middle School
25 years of service

Delores Bouzek

Head Building Custodian
Windsor Elementary School
29 years of service

Ted Kozlowski

Director of Business &
Auxiliary Services
DeForest Area School District
7 years of service

We thank each of them for the contributions they have made to our students, staff and community. We wish each of them all the best in their retirement.

Thank you to employers involved in high school work-based learning

Community Living & Community Work Programs

- DeForest Area Public Library
- DeForest Area Community & Senior Center
- DeForest Housing Authority
- Wisconsin Realtors Association

Agriculture

- Aunt B's Pet Resort & Spa
- Cherokee Valley Performance Horses
- Randy & Sue Langer
- Pick-N-Save
- Pineview Vet Hospital & Pet Resort
- Jay & Michelle Rauls
- Schultz's Market
- Selle Farm
- World Center Stables

Food Service Co-op

- 5 & Diner
- Burger King
- Market Street Diner
- Perkins
- Pure Bliss Cakes
- Texas Road House



Thank you Reality Day Volunteers!

- Bushnell Ford
- Bell Ford
- AnchorBank
- DMB Community Bank
- Community Business Bank
- Miler, Brussel, Ebben & Glaeske
- Accurate Accounting Service
- Genesis Hair & Day Spa
- Johnson Sales
- CenturyTel
- SB Bancorp, Inc.
- UW Credit Union
- Wishing Well Preschool & Child Care (DeForest & Windsor)
- Gingerbread House Preschool
- Nature Conservancy
- Sweet Sophie's Restaurant
- A&J Specialty Services
- Lake Windsor Country Club
- Karen the Cake Lady
- Raskie Financial Services
- State Farm Insurance
- Christianson Agency
- Edward Jones Investments
- Pure Bliss Cakes & Catering
- Keller Real Estate
- Badger Mortgage Services
- Century21 Affiliated
- First Weber Realtors
- Park Towne Development
- Alliant Energy
- Comfort Inn & Suites/North Star Conference Center
- Dane County Circuit Court
- Dane County Sheriff's Dept.
- DeForest Area Public Library
- DeForest Police Department
- Essential Family Vision
- EVCO Plastics
- Firestone Building Products
- Great Lakes Educational Loan Services
- Lake Windsor Country Club
- Lund, Stroik, Riley & Tesar, S.C.
- MG&E
- Neighborhood Fitness
- The Investment Centre
- Town of Windsor
- Village of DeForest
- Brien's Lawn Care
- Maggie Zimmerman
- Kathy Miller
- Sue Paulson
- Judy French
- Pat Asmussen
- Kathy LaFeber
- Meredith Bakke
- DeForest Area School District

Child Care Co-op

- DeForest Area School District
- Gingerbread House
- Wishing Well Preschool DeForest
- Wishing Well Preschool Windsor
- Teddy's Place
- The Midthun's

Youth Apprenticeship

Auto Tech • Bell Ford; Polk Diesel
Architecture • Dorschner & Associates
Biotechnology • Staub Lab
Health • St. Mary's Adult Health Center
Health • Meriter Hospital
Health • Waunakee Manor
Information Technology • CUNA Mutual
Information Technology • DASD

Business & Marketing Internship

- ABS Global
- DMB Community Bank
- DAHS Korner Store
- DeForest Area School District
- Diesel Injection Service
- EVCO Plastics
- Gil-Her Ltd.
- Impact Sports
- JD's Bakery
- Lapacek Enterprises, LLC
- M&I Bank
- WI Technical College System Foundation, Inc.



Kids Fishing Day
 June 2
 Location: Willow Island, Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison
 Call (608) 267-3976.

Concerts in the Garden (TUESDAYS)
 June 5 – July 31
 Location: Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave.
 Enjoy the evening with a concert on the Great Lawn of Olbrich's outdoor gardens. Concerts are sponsored by the Olbrich Botanical Society. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call (608) 246-4550 or <http://www.olbrich.org>.

Kids' Art Adventures
 June 10
 Location: Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, 227 State Street, Madison
 See art inspired by the sights, sounds, and smells of the outdoors; visit the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's rooftop sculpture garden to see what's growing there, and make art using natural materials. This workshop will be held on the rooftop, weather permitting. For more information call 608-257-0158.

Feast with the Beasts
 June 16
 Location: Henry Vilas Zoo, 702 S. Randall Ave., Madison, WI
 Get wild at the zoo! Henry Vilas Zoo's Feast With the Beasts features music, face painting, caricaturists, entertainers, food and loads of kids activities! \$5 per person or \$15 for the whole family. For more information call (608) 266-4733.

Earth Focus Day Camp
 June 21 – August 16
 Location: UW Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison
 Earth Focus Day Camp continues to create outstanding summer nature programs for children ages 3-14. Register your child online for one of the four summer sessions. Registration is \$28 per child for non-members and \$24 for members, and \$20 for every additional child. Visit the Web site for session dates and themes or call (608) 263-7888.

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies
 July 18 – August 12
 Location: Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave.
 Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 12 and under, and free for children under 2. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NORTH STAR OF DANE COUNTY WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2007
Saturday, December 1

Looking for a great fundraising opportunity for your group? Last year's North Star Winterfest afforded many area groups the opportunity to raise funds, while providing community residents and visitors with a day of fun, food, and festivities! Make sure your group doesn't miss out on taking part in this year's Winterfest.

Mark your Calendar!
 Winterfest Planning Committee meeting:

Thursday, August 23
6:00 pm
Comfort Inn & Suites, DeForest

Don't miss your chance to take part in the "coolest" event of the year. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call the Chamber office at 846-2922.

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where the fun begins

A note of thanks from the Swenson family ...

No words can express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming support and kindness shown to our family. We are touched with the outpouring of support showed to us from schoolmates and their families, our children's teachers, our neighbors and church community, our co-workers and our friends and family, and even people we do not know. We also want to thank the fire departments and local police for their fast response and all of their help in getting us through a difficult time. Thank You All So Very Much.

Sincerely,
 Marilyn, Dave, Shaun and Mitch Swenson

(TAG) Talented & gifted opportunities for students and parents

A list of academic opportunities is available for students and parents. If you would like to learn more about TAG opportunities within the district, please contact Peter O'Neil, Director of Instruction, at 842-6531 or email him at jponeil@deforest.k12.wi.us. Contact Dianne Weigle at 842-6532 for informational brochures on these activities. New list of opportunities can be downloaded from the district website at: www.deforest.k12.wi.us - "For Parents".



3rd Annual Dragon Arts Fair

June 2 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

www.dragonartsgroup.org

DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce

4th of July celebration

June 30 - July 4 • Fireman's Park, DeForest

www.deforestarea.com

25th Annual Token Creek Independence Day Celebration

July 4 • www.tokencreekliions.org

Concerts in the Park

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the DeForest Area Public Library

www.deforest.lib.wi.us

Drama Camp Play Performances

July 19, 20, 21 • 7:00 p.m.

DeForest Area High School Performing Arts Center



SUMMER

The *District Dialogue* is a newsletter for residents of the DeForest Area School District. It is given to building principals to add to their individual school newsletters and is distributed to organizations throughout our community. *District Dialogue* represents another step in our commitment to improve communication with parents and the community at large.

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