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## ***President's Message***

*Kathy Anderson, President  
LeClaire Chamber of Commerce*

Fall is almost here! While the fall begins officially on September 22, we are already seeing signs of the season in cooler temperatures and changing colors of the trees here in LeClaire.

This is an ideal time to get out and safely enjoy our shops, businesses and beautiful riverfront. Small businesses are the backbone of a community. As part of the greater Quad-Cities, we are encouraged by the news from the [Quad Cities Chamber](#) that the economy is strong and well positioned for growth, . Their report emphasized the quality of life amenities in the Quad-Cities. LeClaire typically ranks high in quality of life rankings, recently being noted in [Niche's Best Places to live in Scott County](#).

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## Hot Dog Day of Summer!

Emily Gwin, Antique Archeology

LeClaire had a very special and unique visitor on Wednesday, August 5, at Antique Archaeology. They welcomed the famous Oscar Mayer Weinermobile

and its two hot-doggers (drivers), Nina also known as Neiner Weiner and Barbie also known as Barb BQ.

Nina and Barb told us at Antique Archeology that they've been watching American Pickers with their families for years. They were so excited to be this close and just had to come visit! Residents of LeClaire and tourists from all over enjoyed taking a peek into the interior of the famous hotdog, which featured a mustard swirl carpet and hotdog shaped dash! Everyone of course enjoyed a moment to grab a selfie or two!

The other attraction was One-Eyed-Jack, who helped greet all the visitors in his very own hot dog costume. It was such a fun morning and we loved seeing all of the smiles!

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## Shops with Hops

The 3rd Annual Shops with Hops in historic downtown LeClaire was held on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Those who attended were able to sip, sample and shop their way through town while enjoying craft beers from some of the best breweries around. Each participant paid \$20 dollars to attend and that included a 5 oz. souvenir tasting glass.

Green Tree Brewery hosted the after party where Shops with Hops raised over \$1,500 dollars for a local nonprofit, Getting Heroes Home.

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## Derecho 2020

It's been a little over a month since the storm, known as a derecho, tore across the Quad Cities and surrounding areas.

The storm struck around 2pm on Monday, August 10, 2020 with wind speeds up to 100mph in some areas. Ben Keith, MidAmerican Energy director of key accounts in Davenport, said during a press briefing, "The storm system that rolled across eastern Iowa and western Illinois was one of the worst we have seen at MidAmerican Energy."

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## The Buy Nothing Project-LeClaire

Karree Fah, resident of Le Claire, wears many hats in her family of 6, wife, mother, teacher and volunteer, to name a few. Karree grew up in St. Louis but made Le Claire home, serving on the Foster Care Review Board and teaching English as a second language at Scott Community College. Karree left her career to raise her 4 beautiful children. During this time she founded Hiney Heroes, a nonprofit group that supplies diapers to those in need. After speaking with Karree her love and commitment to creating an environment of compassion and joy in her life, beams through. Not only did Karree create Hiney Heroes, but locally she founded the Buy Nothing Project. When asked how she found out about the Buy Nothing Project, Karree replied,

“I was researching online for an event our non-profit, Hiney Heroes, does - a pay-what-you-can children’s sale. Down some Google rabbit-hole, I stumbled upon the Buy Nothing Project and was instantly smitten. People helping people are my favorite. I signed up for the training right away.”

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## LECLAIRE, IOWA: THE DAYTRIPPER PART 1

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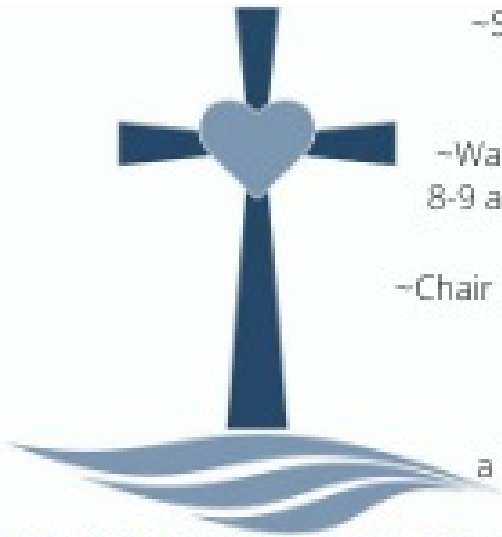
Whether you have come to see us at Antique Archaeology LeClaire before or are coming to see us for the first time, we want to say, "Welcome!" and we're honored to have you in town. We've created a LeClaire travel guide to help guarantee that you don't miss a moment, experience, or bite of all that this town has to show you. We hope you have good walking shoes on!

LeClaire, Iowa is a treasured town for many reasons. More than a century ago, fearless river pilots helped bring LeClaire to life, establishing it as a bustling river town on the Mississippi River. It's also the city where Mike Wolfe began to discover his passion for the preservation and community by saving LeClaire's historic riverboat homes, finding his voice on the city council, even serving as a volunteer firefighter for a time! There's something in their river air that puts wind into the sails of anyone looking to inspire and create.

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-Sunday Worship Service Outdoors  
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-Walk and Talk Monday and Wednesday  
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-Chair aerobics Tuesday and Thursday 10 am  
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## LECLAIRE, IOWA: THE WEEKENDER PART II

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So, you've decided to spend the weekend in LeClaire. Great idea! Let's help you find a place to hang your hat, where to make a dinner reservation, and connect you to all the best locals shops. First things first — let's get you something to drink.

Raise A Glass To History

Enjoy some local beer, wine, and spirits on Libations Lane in LeClaire's Historic District. If you're in the mood for stories and a drink, you've come to the right part of town.

First stop is Green Tree Brewery. The "Green Tree" was a well-loved meeting spot, located under a giant Elm tree, where river workers found work and townsfolk had picnic lunches. In fact, a piece of this tree is well-preserved in the Buffalo Bill Museum! Ask for a pint of their green brew and grab a seat on their outdoor patio. The owners, Dr. Richard Day & Denise Day don't think of it as a bar but more of a gathering place, much like their namesake, "Green Tree". Drop by and stay awhile or order food to go!

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## Tourism Talk with Cindy Bruhn

It's been the most unusual year ever, but even with the obstacles of the pandemic and the derecho with its power outages, we still manage to have fun in LeClaire. We work really hard to make it a great place for everyone and can't thank everyone enough for supporting us!

The 34th annual Tug Fest was postponed until 2021. The hardworking committee and volunteers are already planning next year's event! During August, we did get to enjoy the Heartland British Auto Fest and Shops With Hops – both with great weather. Unfortunately, Vettes On The River had to be postponed until next year, too.

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