



Chamber Views

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President's Message Heather Faris, President LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

Welcome New Chamber Members for 2022

Quad Cities Regional Business Journal

Get the best business news in the greater Quad Cities area including the

counties of Rock Island, Henry and Mercer in Illinois ... and Scott, Clinton and Muscatine counties in Iowa.

The QCBJ is led by Editor Jennifer DeWitt, a former longtime Quad-City Times journalist. Joining Ms. DeWitt is Senior Reporter Kenda Burrows, a veteran journalist and former editorial page editor/writer with the Moline Dispatch and Rock Island Argus; Content Editor Dave Thompson, a former night city editor with the Quad-City Times and Moline Dispatch/Rock Island Argus; and Sales Consultant Dayle Hall, a longtime newspaper advertising sales rep.

In addition to coverage of the people, businesses and issues that impact business in the Quad Cities area, QCBJ also regularly produces numerous podcasts and newsletters. It also hosts several business network and recognition events including Forty Under 40, Mid-Year Economic Review, 90 Ideas in 90 Minutes and others. Part of the Corridor Media Group, based in North Liberty, Iowa, the QCBJ launched its website and email newsletters Dec. 1, 2021 and published its first print issue Jan. 24, 2022. For more information, visit quadcitiesbusiness.com.

The Quad City Regional Business Journal has launched its first Best of the Region survey.

We want your votes to select the best businesses, professionals, organizations, events and more in the Quad Cities region. Voting is open through May 16 and winners will be announced in the QCBJ's July 11 edition. Vote for your favorite businesses across different categories by visiting this link.

Geifman First Equity

Geifman First Equity is a Midwest real estate development company with roots tying back over 100 years in the lowa-Illinois, Quad City area. Today they have grown to be a well-known and trusted provider of commercial, industrial, and office rental space to numerous businesses in the area. If you are searching for quality space, they may have just what you are looking for!

Their company began in 1921 in the retail grocery store business and as a developer of commercial property for their independently-owned stores and associated retail tenants. Today, they are focused on providing the same construction and management of retail, industrial, office and special-use buildings for use by a wide range of local and national tenants.

Please contact them today if you have need of a commercial space for your business in the lowa—Illinois, Quad City area.

Visit their website

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New Horizon Profession Lawn Services

New Horizon Lawn Services provides lawn fertilization, weed control, lawn maintenance, grub/insect control, lawn aeration, composting service, mulching service, shrub trimming and removal, and overseeding service to the Le Claire, IA area. They are a local, family-owned company with over 27 years of experience and also licensed and certified through the State of lowa and insured. They provide same or next day services!

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TugFest 2022

TugFest is back again this year and they're calling all tuggers! Practice will begin this month. Please follow the link here for more information.

On April 29th the Tug Fest Iowa board announced this year's theme is Beads and Boots, Mardi Gras Theme! Tug Fest will be celebrated

August 11th – 13th and all events are still being determined. Check their website or facebook page for updates.

Join the Chamber for 2022!

Whether you own or manage a business, provide a service, or just want to be involved in your community, we invite you to join the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce! Go to our website, www.leclairechamber.com to join and to learn of all the many benefits of being a member and see the directory of our many current members – many are your friends and neighbors. Join us! Mission Statement: The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of area businesses, organizations and individuals working together to build a healthy economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire.

What are your 2022 goals? How are you going to get there? How are you marketing your business? Are you taking full advantage of your Chamber membership? Joining the Chamber is an economical way to promote your products and services. As part of your membership, you receive these benefits:

- Listing on the Chamber website with weblinks to all member businesses
- Promoting your business through Facebook, website and email
- Celebrating with new and existing businesses with ribbon cuttings
- Staying up to date with Chamber news, community events and volunteer opportunities and advertise your business via the weekly email, "Friday Announcements"
- Referring of Chamber members in response to inquiries
- Participating in Chamber Bucks Program to promote patronage of local businesses
- Monthly events: networking and Economic Development meetings

Your membership is an investment in your business and the LeClaire community. Thank You!



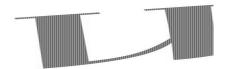
Wine Hop 2022

Downtown was HOPPING on Saturday, April 23rd-Wine Hopping to be precise! The LeClaire Wine Hop was back after a two-year hiatus due to Covid and it was the largest turn out in the event's history! The weather was gorgeous, it may have been the only sunny AND warm day in April!

Over 500 people came out to sample wine, food, and shop from 17 of LeClaire's businesses. "Having the event in April is always risky because we never know what the weather will be like but we love that we're the first to kick off the outdoor event season for Downtown LeClaire," says Emily Gwin, the Wine Hop event coordinator.

"The evening is all about celebrating spring, small businesses, our beautiful town, and of course—wine." Wine Hop graciously donated a portion of the event's proceeds went to LeClaire's Marketing Alliance.











Buffalo Bill Descendants

The Cody Family Reunion is scheduled to be in LeClaire the week of June 16th with at least 20 descendants of Buffalo Bill! LeClaire is proud and honored for their attendance!

LeClaire City Wide Garage Sale Weekend!

A huge thank you to everyone who made it out to City Wide Weekend and to those to hosted their own sales! With the hustle of the town, we had over 60 participating households! One even had their own food truck!

The Garage Sale weekend is an awesome start to Summer in LeClaire and an even better way to get to know all of your neighbors!

We look forward to a fun filled LeClaire Summer!



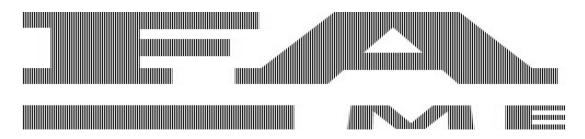


KwikStar Update

After a 4 year legal battle, KwikStar construction has started at their new location at Eagle Ridge Road and Highway 67. Erosion Controls and Construction Fencing have been put in place and work has begun with dirt/rock removal. They are asking for those to watch for additional Truck and Equipment Traffic around Eagle Ridge Road due to site work in this area. They plan to open the new store mid-October 2022. This will be the 14th KwikStar in the QC.

The new location will be similar to all their other locations, minus a car wash, due to space. Mayor of LeClaire, Dennis Gerard, said, "I personally love KwikStar. It's a great place to grab gas and a coffee and their donuts are fantastic. They're also a very good employer from what I understand – paying well, training well and with a profit-sharting too. We're excited to finally get them here."





Fareway Info

Fareway Stores, Inc. plans to renovate the approximately 18,000 square foot former Slagle's store located at 1301 Eagle Ridge Road in LeClaire. Renovation of the existing building should begin later this year, with a tentative opening in summer of 2023.

"We are excited to announce plans to expand and want to thank local officials and economic development for making this project possible," said Fareway CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. "While residents of LeClaire are familiar with Fareway, we look forward to serving and becoming an integral part of the growing community."

Fareway is committed to providing only the best in fresh, highest quality meat, with full-service butcher counters; farm-fresh produce; low, competitive prices; and the highest level of customer service, including to-your-car carryout. Additionally, the location will also offer FastLanes, a self-service checkout option, and online shopping and curbside pick-up, available at Shop.Fareway.com.

"We are thrilled to have Fareway coming to the City of LeClaire," said Mayor Dennis Gerard. "Having a full-service grocery store in our city is the number one requested amenity we hear from our residents. We have been working on this for several years. Fareway is the perfect fit for our community!"

"Bringing a full-service grocery store to LeClaire has been a goal of many for years," said GRT QC Properties, LLC Managing Partner Steve Geifman. "Along with Fareway's great grocery selection, bakery, and fresh meats, we are also committed to renovating the center and bringing more businesses and visitors to LeClaire. Thank you Fareway, City of LeClaire and residents who encouraged this process to move forward."

Fareway will begin the public process this week, with more details forthcoming in the near future.

About Fareway

Fareway Stores, Inc. is a growing Midwest grocery company currently operating 129 stores in a six-state region. Fareway's mission is to provide the highest quality products, while treating customers like family, and valuing dedicated employees. Its stores are known for their unmatched, full-service meat departments, farm-fresh produce, and exceptional to-your-car customer service. Fareway is a family-owned business, recognized as a top 10 employer in lowa, and has more than 12,000 total employees. Visit Fareway.com for more information or shop online by visiting Shop.Fareway.com.

LeClaire Road Construction

We are updating our roads and sidewalks in LeClaire! Here is a link with all the information: https://www.leclaireiowa.gov/292/IN-THE-WORKS.

Please be sure to check this periodically for updates and changes.





Shops with Hops

LeClaire small businesses were happy and excited to host over thirteen local breweries for the 5th Annual Shops with Hops on Saturday, May 21st.

The sold out event, with over 300 participants, was held downtown LeClaire from 3:00-6:00pm with an after party at Green Tree Brewery. This year's sponsor was J-Works Preimier Pressure Washing Services of LeClaire. LeClaire businesses also donated items for the after party to be raffled off to raise money for local LeClaire non-profit, "Getting Heroes Home". They were able to raise \$2,809 dollars!

The shops that hosted breweries were: Grasshoppers Gift Shop, Razzleberries Fine Gifts, bela, Antique Archaeology, The Shameless Chocoholic, Mississippi River Distilling Co., The Crane & Pelican, Dirty Water Music Co., What BBQ & Bar, Cody Road Coffee, Cody Road Trading Post, Navigate Realty – The Doering Team, and Bamboo Baby Boutique.

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Tourism Talk

Many love to play in LeClaire! We had a great time on April 23 with the 8th Annual Wine Hop. After a two-year hiatus, over 500 "hoppers" traveled around to the 14 participating shops for some fun sipping and browsing. Huge thanks to Emily Gwin for her mad skills on pulling off a great event!

April 23 also saw the largest Cars & Coffee turnout to date, which includes

several years of friends showing off their rides on the Levee along our beautiful stretch of the Mississippi River. Always a good time!

The 5th Annual Shops with Hops, a fun event for craft beer aficionados, was on May 21. They sold-out 340 tasting glasses and had 14 breweries participating with samples of craft beer. The after-party was at Green Tree Brewery with "Getting Heroes Home" receiving a donation of \$2,809 as the event charity. The event organizers always do a great job of highlighting local shops and craft breweries to remind us to "Shop Small / Shop Local"! Of course, we can't thank the public enough for coming out to have fun in LeClaire and supporting our businesses! Hats off to Bob and Jacquelyn Bunch for continuing this fun event in LeClaire!

Memorial Day weekend saw the beginning of the 1.5-hour sightseeing cruises on the Riverboat Twilight. If you haven't been on the Twilight before, I can't recommend this enough. All ages enjoy it! They are offering sightseeing cruises every Saturday through August (except for August 13), September 17, and October 15 at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm. And don't forget – they offer spectacular 2-day cruises that help you create some great memories, too. Check out www.riverboattwilight.com for more information and to make your reservations.

We had a great weekend for the City-wide Garage Sales on June 3-4 sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce. LeClaire has the best garage sales for a huge variety of gently used (and sometimes new) treasures!

There is truly something every night of the week, if you are planning a fun date night or like to just come hang out and meet new friends! You can find live music on Wednesday through Sunday at various venues (many with outdoor seating and river views), Music BINGO on Monday at Riverview Roadhouse and Friday at Green Tree Brewery, and Trivia on Saturdays at What BBQ and Bar.

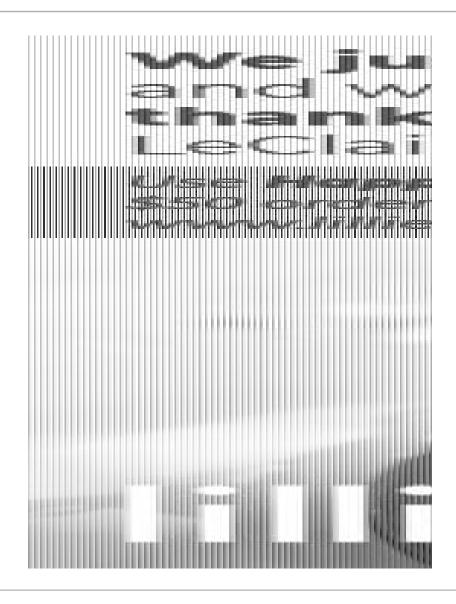
In addition to live music, there's great shopping, dining, wine tasting, car shows, Tug Fest, and much more coming up. Find a full list of our events here: www.visitleclaire.com/events

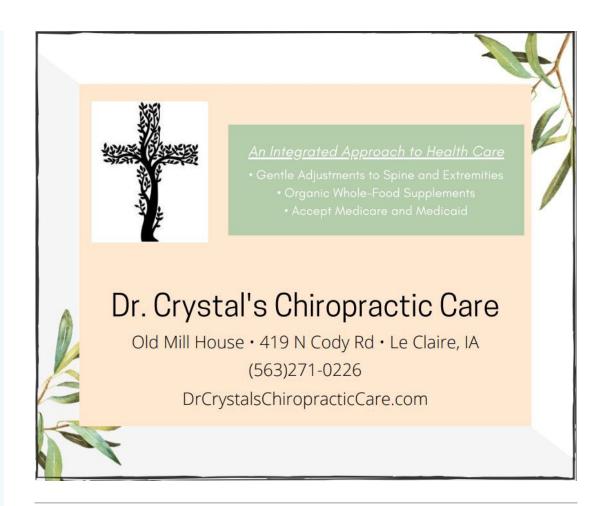
There is so much fun to be had that I can't mention everything here. If you want to keep updated on all the great events going on in LeClaire, you can go to www.visitleclaire.com and submit your email address to receive our e-news that goes out once a month or check out our website anytime. You can "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook (LeClaire, Iowa), too, to see daily updates and find us on Twitter and Instagram.

If you want to be part of the excitement and volunteer at the LeClaire

Information Center, please contact me at info@visitleclaire.com . We have a lot of fun!

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire! Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager





Future Chamber Networking Events

July 12th 5:00pm Wide River Winery

August 9th 8:00am Cody Road Coffee

Sept. 13th 5:00pm Steventon's

Oct. 11th 5:00pm Mississippi River Distillery

Nov. 8th noon Crane & Pelican

Dec. 13th noon TBD



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