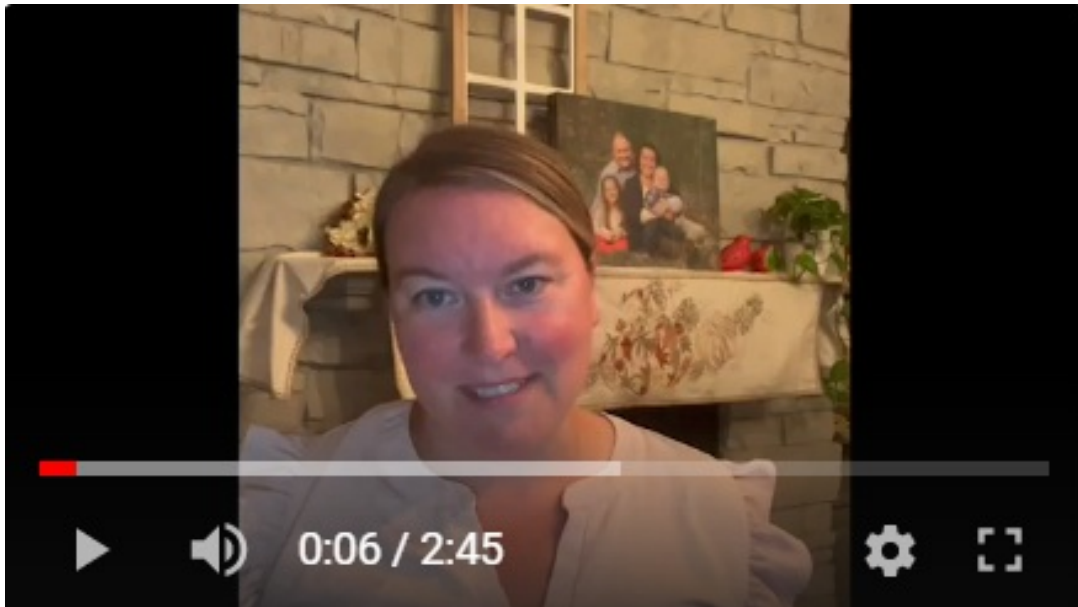




Chamber Views

July, August & September 2022
www.LeClaireChamber.com



President's Message

Heather Faris, President

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

Welcome New Chamber Members

Olathea Creek Winery

Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery is a small, family-owned business dedicated to making delicious, quality wine with local grapes and fruits. They are passionate about their wine, customer service, and their community. Their philosophy is simple, treat each guest as a friend and share with them their love of wine! Stop by their vineyard and winery and get a beverage or take in the immaculate views! Planning an event? They do that too! Reach out to them for more information. 563-726-1892

Hours Friday: Noon-7pm Saturday: Noon - 7pm Sunday: Noon-6pm
23456 Great River Rd., LeClaire, IA 52753



Cody Road Trading Post

Cody Road Trading Post is located at the heart of LeClaire, Cody Road Trading Post is your go-to stop for all things historic LeClaire, home of Buffalo Bill Cody. From western wear, to home decor, accessories, and more – Cody Road Trading Post is a staple of LeClaire. Family and locally owned, their team at 'The Post' is sure to make you feel like family. Stop in and grab an alcoholic beverage to enjoy in their outdoor Corral, listen to some western-inspired tunes, and wind down in our historic, must-visit town!

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Of heaven and earth

Of heaven and earth is new to downtown LeClaire and it was cultivated on the idea of creating art through natural elements or concepts. At Of heaven and earth they believe being immersed in nature has a way of evoking one's spirit, and they hope to bring a piece of that joy and serenity to each piece of artwork created. Their artists are Burt and Katherine and their jewelry and gourd work is handcrafted with love. Each of their crystals have been hand solvated, clear and blessed before they reach you. Let them bring the serenity and happiness that nature fills us with, to you and your home. Visit their store today.

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LeClaire, IA 52753



Red Diver Down Landscaping

Red Diver Down Landscaping is a locally owned landscaping company that specializes in landscaping, tree pruning and removal, and also snow removal. It's owned by Adam Eddingfield and they can be reached at 757-613-4721 or reddiverdownlandscaping@gmail.com



TugFest 2022

Tug Fest was back again this year, August 11-13th, and it was better than ever! The Iowa Tug Fest Theme for 2022 was “Beads & Boots”, and the 2022 Tug for a Cause was the LeClaire Fire Department. The first night, Thursday, August 11th, was family night with free admission, wristband night for the carnival rides, bags tournament and live music by Ky & Ty. On Friday, August 12th, they had an amazing energetic parade, bingo, live music by North of 40 and the best fireworks display! The last day, Saturday, August 13th, they had the kids tug, bingo, live music by Haphazard and Soul Storm, and the main attraction, The Tug!

This year’s winner of the Alabaster Eagle trophy was once again, Illinois. The parade float winners for this year were; Academy of the Performing Arts with best group, CCKMA with best non-profit, Hahn Ready Mix with best non-themed, and LeClaire Nutrition for Best Overall. This year’s 5kTug Run/Walk race was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Thank you to all who volunteer to make this event successful and thank you to those who tug!

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!



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Vettes on the River

Over 250 Vettes were displayed along the riverfront on the beautiful August 27th in downtown LeClaire, Iowa. Corvette owners from all over the country enjoyed the all-day event to show off their pride and joy. Proceeds from Vettes on the River were donated to local Quad Cities Veterans organizations. This year the event raised \$12,000 dollars for veterans.

They had a flag ceremony by Vietnam Veterans, a Mayor's choice award, trophies for each "C" generation, breakfast and lunch on the levee by Big Dave & Holly's, raffle drawings, silent auctions, 50/50 drawing, and What BBQ & Bar served food as well. Many guests and participants got to enjoy the Riverboat Twilight sightseeing cruises, shopping, dining, and touring LeClaire all while being able to admire the Corvettes. Thank you to all those that volunteer and organize to make this event a success year after year.



City Wide Large Item and Garbage Cleanup Day

Public Works Facility will be Saturday, October 8th from 8-4pm at 1802 Iowa Drive LeClaire.

There will be FREE Disposal of large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires for all City of LeClaire residents with FULLY PAID City garbage and sewer bills (NO e-waste or hazardous waste). Bring as many loads and many trips that day as needed. Just have your proof of LeClaire residency ready (drivers license, garbage bill, etc...).



LeClaire Chamber is in need of a few volunteers to help us on our Golf Committee for 2023. If Interested please reach out to Rob Cain-
rcain@citiesig.com



KwikStar Update

Kwik Star construction will soon be over! They will be having a grand opening

on October 20th.



British Auto Fest Info

The 35th Annual Heartland British Autofest took over the LeClaire levee on August 6th this year. It took place from 9-3pm with judging starting at 12pm and winners announced at 3pm. DJ Greg Zirbes provided musical entertainment all day with British Invasion rock & roll music played throughout the day.



The LeClaire Fall City Wide Garage sale weekend will be the weekend of September 23-25th. Registrations needed to be in on September 19th. There will be a map provided beforehand.



LeClaire Parks and Rec with LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

PARTY IN THE PARK

At Huckleberry Park
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It's a Movie...In the Park!
 Brought to you by LeClaire Parks and Rec, and LeClaire Chamber of Commerce.
What: A party in the park, with balloon animals, Happy Joe's pizza, popcorn, and of course, a movie! (Pizza and popcorn for purchase while supplies last)
When: Saturday 9/24. Balloons start at 6:00. Movie starts at 7:00.
Where: Huckleberry Park!
Why: Because we love our parks!

And if you made it this far, we're showing...ENCANTO!
ALL THIS IS WEATHER PERMITTING OF COURSE. BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET!



Party in the Park

It's a Movie in the Park! On Saturday, September 24th at Huckleberry Park starting at 6pm, LeClaire Parks and Rec and LeClaire Chamber of Commerce are hosting a party in the park. There is going to be balloon animals, Happy Joe's pizza, popcorn and the movie, Encanto! Bring your own seating!

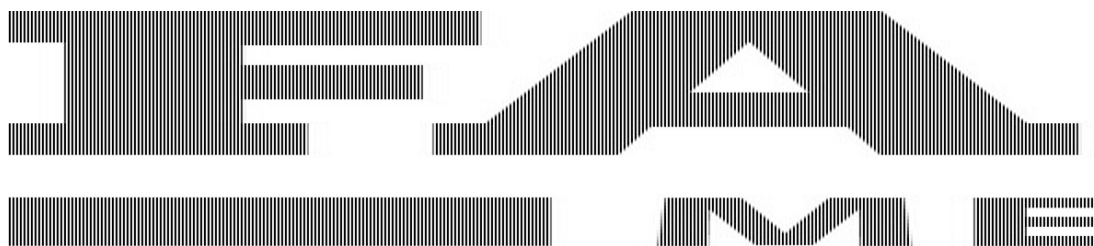


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LeClaire Community Library has an opening for a Substitute Circulation Clerk. This is an on-call position, filling in when regular staff are sick or on vacation. Responsibilities include general circulation duties, shelving and materials processing, providing basic reference and readers; advisory service and assisting patrons with computers (Windows/MS Office). Reliability, a positive and helpful attitude, ability to work effectively in a team environment, and comfort interacting with and serving a diverse population are required. Must be generally available for work during our regular hours: 9am-8pm Monday through Thursday, 9am-5pm Fridays, and 10am -2pm Saturdays.

Starting pay is \$12.34 an hour.
Apply at www.leclaireiowa.gov Inquiries or requests for additional information may be directed to Circulation Manager Tabatha Baker at tbaker@leclaireiowa.gov. Job will remain posted until filled. Successful candidate must pass a criminal background check and pre-employment physical including drug and alcohol testing as required per City policy.



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 construction will be starting soon. More information will be in December’s Newsletter.

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 Iowa, and has more than 12,000 total employees. Visit Fareway.com for more information or shop online by visiting Shop.Fareway.com.

- Wisconsin Street from 15th to the PVJH, and 35th street still has ditch work being done. Both roads are open but there is still work being done on shoulders, ditches, additional signage installed and streetlighting being installed so please watch for workers and their equipment when traveling in these areas.
- Sidewalks

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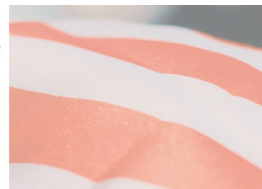
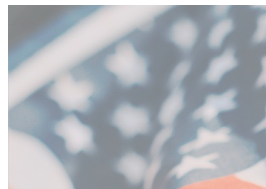
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Patriot Hunts Riverfest

On September 10th, local residents put on the Patriot Hunts Riverfest on the Levee in LeClaire. There was a fishing derby free for children ages 13 and

under. They provided milk and donuts in the morning and then fished from 8-10am with trophies immediately following.

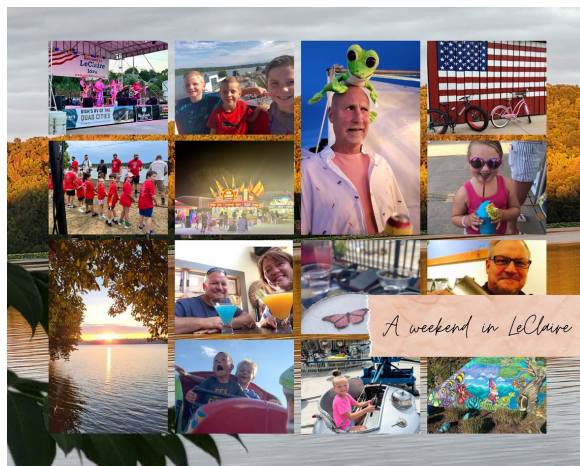
Those who attended enjoyed the food trucks, craft vendors, coffee and cars, antique tractors and rides for kids. There was a silent auction, raffles and a Les Baer gun for raffle. There was live music all day by the bands; Acoustic Friends, Got Your Six - Veteran Band, Just Cuz and Rolling Thunder.

Join Us for Sunday Services
Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am
Live-streamed on Facebook & YouTube at 10:30am

Also on Sunday: Kids' Church at 8:30am & 10:30am
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Tourism Talk

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. We always have fun in LeClaire!

You may have noticed new sidewalks going in downtown. Please excuse the inconvenience and continue to support our businesses. It looks great in the areas that are finished, and the sidewalks will be more user friendly and ADA compliant. We look forward to having Cody Road resurfaced (including the crosswalks), so everything will look very nice and be safer!

You also might have noticed a long-time vacant building getting a new life! Rodney and Kim Collier are refurbishing the building at 423 N. Cody Road and calling it Root 67. It will house four new businesses that we are excited to welcome. They plan to open soon! Here is more information about the development: <https://quadcitiesbusiness.com/trendy-leclair-rehab-taking-root/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17bksgMG9oI&t=59s>

Another old building getting a facelift by our favorite picker, Mike Wolfe, is at 127 N. Cody Road. It will eventually be a wonderful guesthouse upstairs with prime retail space at the street level. If you are aware of Mike's passion for

saving old buildings, you know this project will be done right. We can't thank our local entrepreneurs enough for always helping to improve our community!

Some more great news is that the Urban Renewal Program that LeClaire has had in place for some time has a new component in the form of a grant for qualifying projects. The grant is called "Fill the Store Front Initiative". Click here for more information on this great opportunity:

<https://www.visitleclaire.com/economic-development-council/economic-development-incentives/>

As you might know, LeClaire has so many great events! We've had Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire every first Friday of the month. The 35th annual Tug Fest was August 11-13. The Heartland British Auto Fest had great weather and turnout on August 6, and the very popular Vettes on the River had Corvettes overflowing the Levee area on August 27! The Vettes on the River committee was thrilled to donate \$12,000 to local veterans thanks to their hard work and the participation of everyone who attended.

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 make new friends! Fall is a great time to find live music on Wednesday through Sunday at various venues (many with outdoor seating and river views), Music BINGO on Fridays at Green Tree Brewery and Trivia on every third Saturday at the Civic Center are great ways to have fun and exercise your brain!

There is so much to look forward to this fall and winter! We have such a great response to our June city-wide garage sales that the organizer decided to try Fall garage sales on September 23-25. Also new in September, join us for a great fundraising event called Patriot Hunts River Fest. It includes a free fishing derby for the kids, an opening flag ceremony, live music, food and craft vendors, car cruise in, tractor rides, and more! Find more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322752693318550>

We also have two more months of Cars and Coffee on the Levee in September and October, the popular LeClaire Fall Fest is on October 9, and Witches' Walk is on October 29. Lots of family fun to be had!

In November we celebrate Shop Small as we kick off the holiday season. And get ready for Christmas in LeClaire coming up in early December.

There is so much to enjoy (including great shopping, wining, dining, and touring) 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 every month or check out our website anytime. You can “Like” 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

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Cops & Donuts

This past Sunday, September 18th, at Huckleberry Park residents of LeClaire

enjoyed coffee and donuts with LeClaire police officers. This family friendly event was a great opportunity to meet and talk with the local heroes who keep our community safe! They had complimentary coffee, orange juice, and donuts! Those who attended had a great time doing activities and meeting the police officers.



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Future Chamber Networking Events

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Nov. 8th 12:00pm Crane & Pelican- Alixx Boynton will teach a Basics of Canva class

Dec. 13th noon TBD

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OCTOBER NETWORKING EVENT

JOIN US:
OCTOBER 11TH @ 5PM



LeClaire City Administrator, Dennis Bockenstedt, will be speaking about the 20% grant program being rolled out for economic development in the city.

Join us for our:

Ribbon Cutting

SAT, 15TH OCTOBER 11:00AM



Please join us in welcoming the Cody Road Trading Post on Saturday, October 15th at 11am to LeClaire! We hope to see you there!



This past Sunday, September 18th, the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce had the honor of holding a ribbon cutting at Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery. The ribbon cutting started at 1pm with a warm welcome by Rob Cain, Chamber of Commerce President, then board members and guests enjoyed the summer concert series and Q.C. Fork in the Road food truck. The Moonlighters played from 2-5pm.



LeClaire Fall Fest is just around the corner! October 9, 2022 the levee will be full of vendors selling all sorts of wares. You'll find jewelry, farmhouse décor, seasonal items, soaps, lotions, baked goods, popcorn, paintings, clothing, and more. There will be several return vendors and many NEW ones to the event - 50 vendors in total! What's BBQ will be at the pavilion selling lunch options, be sure to get yours early before they're gone! Remember to get your pumpkins from the 4-H truck too! We are excited to announce that Miss Iowa 2022 Bailey Hudson will be joining us for the day. Visit the Kids Zone with bounce house, face painting, and crafts. Admission to the event and Kids Zone is free. River Valley Optimist Club is hosting the event. As an organization, their primary focus is to "bring out the best in kids". Donations will be accepted at the entry and near the Kids Zone. Any funds received go back into the community

100%. If you're interested in learning more, feel free to stop a club member at the event and ask.

Mark your calendar to come down and join us on Sunday, October 9, from 11am-4pm.

Turkey Burner Info

Saturday, November 5th, from 9-3pm there will be the second annual Turkey Burner. Come finish out your cycling season at the 2022 Turkey Burner in downtown LeClaire. This ride/race takes place on some of the best gravel roads in Eastern Iowa and will be sure to test your fitness, regardless of what distance you choose to tackle. There are three distance options available, the Big Tom (60ish miles), the Little Tom (30ish miles), and Baby Tom (15ish miles).



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