



## *President's Message*

*Rob Cain, President*

*LeClaire Chamber of Commerce*

Hi, I am Rob Cain, current President of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce.

I want to thank all of the businesses and volunteers that helped to make this year's Annual Banquet a success. It is always a great time, and great to be able to get together!

I'm happy to say that we are all very excited about all the positive things going on in the LeClaire community. There are new businesses coming in, ribbon cuttings, networking events, and the city program to fill the storefronts. All of

these things help to elevate our offerings as a unique destination.

Part of my focus as the new president is to make sure we are getting involved with community events that help to improve the quality of life for LeClaire residents as well as the business community.

This last year we sponsored Movie Night in The Park with LeClaire Parks and Recreation. It was a huge success, with over 100 people attending. We ran out of food twice! We are working with LeClaire Parks and Recreation again this year to bring a series of Movie Nights in the Park throughout the summer months.

We are planning a golf outing for May 22, 2023. We hope to bring together the LeClaire Chamber members and residents in another community event! Please see below for more information about the event.

We have also been honored to do ribbon cuttings and welcome new members to the chamber. We had ribbon cuttings at Olathe Creek Winery, Cody Road Trading Post, The LeClaire Dog Park, Riverview Roadhouse, Kwikstar, and The Potter's House. We look forward to more in the near future; please join us at these events to help welcome the new business to our community.

And as I mentioned before, the city has approved a new fill the storefront program to assist in getting some vacant properties up and going. This goes to show that the city of LeClaire is focused on helping us to create this great destination that is LeClaire. The Chamber has a lot going on and I encourage everyone to get involved! Please give us your feedback as to ways we can be of service to you!

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## Welcome New Chamber Members



## **The Potter's House**

The Potter's House is the newest retail shop located in beautiful downtown LeClaire. They sell beautiful handmade Polish Pottery (made from a special clay in Poland) and hand blown glass items.

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## Join the Chamber for 2023

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](http://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 2023 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 social media, 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!

Please plan to renew or start your membership online at [www.leclairechamber.com](http://www.leclairechamber.com) or by sending your membership form to the Chamber at PO Box 35, LeClaire, IA 52753.

<https://leclairechamber.com/membership-application>

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## Board of Directors 2023

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2023 was introduced at our Annual Dinner on Saturday, January 28th. The Board consists of Rob Cain, President, Debbie Mulvania, Vice President, Mike Clingingsmith, Treasurer, and Dr. Crystal Buesing, Secretary. Emily Gwin, Rob Danielson, Lynet Cobler and William Bloom continue to serve along with new board member, Alixx Boynton.. We would also like to thank outgoing President, Heather Faris, for her past service and leadership to the Board. We wish you all the luck in Minnesota!



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## LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on January 28, 2023, at The Davenport Country Club. It was a great evening with many in attendance to honor the Award Winners for 2022 and to enjoy the wonderful cuisine, Silent and Live Auctions, and live music provided by Lewis Knutson.

Awards for 2022 fell into six categories. Volunteer of the Year recognizes the individual whose exceptional volunteer efforts contributed to the vibrancy of our local economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire.

**Volunteer of the Year** recognizes the individual whose exceptional volunteer efforts contributed to the vibrancy of our local economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire. ***Volunteer of the Year 2022*** was a tie between Connie Allen and Rob Cain.

**Event of the Year** recognizes the event (new or ongoing) that best demonstrates the hospitality and community spirit of LeClaire. ***The Event of the Year for 2022*** was Christmas in LeClaire.

The "Golden Pineapple" **Customer Service Award** goes to the individual or

business that best exemplifies the hospitality for which LeClaire is well known. ***The Golden Pineapple Award for Customer Service 2022*** was awarded to bela.

**The Brick & Mortar Award** recognizes the business that has most improved or built its facility in keeping with the charm of LeClaire. ***The Brick & Mortar Award for 2022*** went to Root 67 - Kim and Rodney Collier.

**The Spirit of LeClaire Award** recognizes the business, individual or service who led with spirit as a shining example of perseverance through the challenges of the past year. ***The Spirit of LeClaire Award for 2022*** was Tammy Danielson with bela.

***The Edward deSilva Community Leadership Award*** is in honor of Edward deSilva, founder of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce, and tireless volunteer in promoting the civic advancement of our community. ***The Edward deSilva Community Leadership Award*** went to Mayor Dennis Gerard. Congratulations to all Award Winners as chosen by members of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce!

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who attended the dinner, and to those who donated and bid on items for the Live and Silent Auctions. Thank you, too, to Rob Cain who did an outstanding job as Auctioneer for the Live Auction.





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## First Annual Eagle Fest

The inaugural LeClaire Eagle Festival was held January 21st and 22nd at the Celebration Center. This free event offered a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see our incredible national symbol in its natural habitat while experiencing live eagle demonstrations and educational opportunities. A spotting scope on the rooftop



patio allowed guests an up-close look without disturbing the eagles as they hunted for food!

There were quite a few special guests throughout the festival. Rob Storm carved multiple ice sculptures that were then placed around various locations in LeClaire. International acclaimed author and story teller, Brian “Fox” Ellis presented a story about bald eagles. A St. Louis based World Bird Sanctuary hosted presentations with live eagles! Photographer, Ty Smedes, hosted a presentation and lecture offering an unseen look at the lives of Iowa's bald eagle population. Representatives from Living Lands and Waters talked about the importance of the protections and preservations of the environment to protect wildlife. LeClaire Parks & Recreation and LeClaire Community Library had organized activities for kids and Blackhawk Bank and Trust sponsored a Hot Cocoa Bar.



## Anti Freeze Outdoor Cocktail Party

This fun outdoor event was held this year at the Celebration Center on January 28th. They had a great polka band, outdoor games, prizes, Mac n. Cheese bar and s'mores roast! Some prizes were given out for things like best hat, best snuggie and other funny categories. This was a sold out event and those who attended got an amazing carabiner mug and more!



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## Christmas in LeClaire & Holiday Lights Winners

The annual celebration of Christmas in LeClaire was held December 2-4, 2022.

Santa made his usual appearance, and took pictures down by the river. Crafts, baked goods, demonstrations, silent auctions, free trolley rides, food, great merchandise and more from our local businesses and restaurants were enjoyed by the many holiday visitors and shoppers.

The Annual Christmas in LeClaire Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/Walk was held on December 3rd. Walkers, runners, pets on leashes and children in strollers enjoyed the 3.1 Mile family-friendly run or walk.

All LeClaire businesses and residents were invited to decorate for the Holidays. Many did, and they looked Awesome! Those that decorated were judged on Small Business Saturday, November 26th and 27th. Sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce, the winners were awarded LeClaire Chamber Bucks as prizes - \$100 for first, \$70 for second and \$30 for third.

The winners for businesses were: **First Place: Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium, Second Place: bela, and Third Place: Buffalo Bill Museum.**

The residential winners were: **First Place: Michael and Jericho Checchin,**

**Second Place: Brian and Jessica Melvin, and Third Place: Seth & Kairee Schurke.**

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who decorated, showing your LeClaire Holiday and Christmas Spirit!





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## LeClaire Cocoa Crawl

The Annual Cocoa Crawl was back again this year! This 'All Things Chocolate' event was held February 18, 2023.

LeClaire shop owners helped customers and tourists get into the mood of Valentine's Day by offering free chocolate samples and shopping specials.

There was a new record of participating businesses! Included Chamber Members – Antique Archaeology handed out mini cupcakes. Aunt Hattie's had free brownies. bela had "buy one/get a free" hot cocoa or mocha coffee drink and "buy one/get one half off" fireside canisters. Buttercupp Candles had non-edible chocolate wax melt samples.

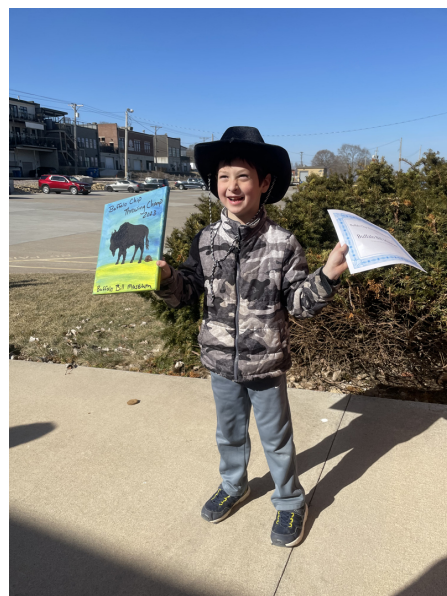
The Crane & Pelican had half price Mississippi Mud S'mores Cake. Grasshoppers Gift Shop had samples of chocolate wine. Green Tree Brewery had \$2 off a pint of their Chocolate Covered Cherry Stout beer. Mississippi River Distilling Company had a special Hot Cocoa Cocktail with plain hot cocoa also available. Of Heaven & Earth had samples of Hot Cocoa Taffy from The

Shameless Chocoholic. The Potter's House had homemade macadamia nut turtles and 15% off heart pattern Polish Pottery. Wide River Winery Tasting Room had samples of their #1 selling wine, Pursuit of Happiness. A fun time was had by all!

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## Buffalo Bill's Birthday Party

The Buffalo Bill Cody Museum held a grand birthday celebration for Buffalo Bill on Sunday, February 26th. There was live music, refreshments and free admission to the record breaking 421 guests who attended.



## Galentine's Day at Root 67

A little party and a lot of love was had on February 11th at Root 67 for their first Galentine's Day celebration. Business at Root 67 include; Buttercupp Candles, Cody Rose, The Clothing Co., and Nest Goods. Each business had great deals, live music by Lewis Knudsen, permanent bracelets, wine by the class and candle pouring.



## Taste of LeClaire

**March 25th from 1-3pm.**

Receive FREE food and/or beverage samples or discounted specials from various shops, restaurants, and bars. Discover many great tastes! (Participants and offerings are subject to change without notice.) Providing "sample-size" servings or discounted specials while supplies last. Must be 21 to enjoy alcoholic beverages.

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## LeClaire Chamber Golf Outing

**Hidden Hills Golf Course May 22, 2023- 7:30am Shotgun Start.**

We are bringing back The LeClaire Chamber Golf Outing! Online registration will be open soon so be on the lookout. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and a great time! Teams of fours will golf 18 holes. We will be giving away LeClaire Chamber bucks to those who win our fun categories! We are still currently seeking sponsors and thank those that have already committed. **If you or your company would be interest in becoming a sponsor please contact Rob Cain at 563-340-4918 or [rcain@citiesig.com](mailto:rcain@citiesig.com)**

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**We LOVE Celebrating New Businesses in LeClaire:**



## February's Networking Event

A LOVELY time was had by everyone at February's Networking Event this morning! McDonalds was a wonderful host!



## March Networking Event

Thank you to Happy Joe's for the wonderful food and service at our March Networking Event!





## April's Networking Event

We look forward to seeing everyone next month at Green Tree Brewery!



## The Potter's House Ribbon Cutting

We had a wonderful time and a great turn out at The Potter's House Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting!

There were many in attendance, a wonderful blown glass pumpkin was given away, and a delicious charcuterie board to enjoy! If you didn't get a chance to go, we encourage you to head there on your own and check out their beautiful products. We are excited to have you in LeClaire!

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**Upcoming Events in LeClaire**

## Chalk the Walk Fest

Be on the look out for this new event coming this Spring or Summer!

## Shop with Hops

**May 20th from 3-6pm** at Green Tree Brewery, benefits Getting Heroes Home

## Wine Hop 2023

Moving to **Fall of 2023**

## Friday Night Live

Every first Friday of the month multiple LeClaire locations have live music!

## Trivia at The Civic Center

Each month the LeClaire Civic Center will be hosting a trivia night with proceeds going to different local organizations. Dates of upcoming trivia events; **March 18, April 15, and May 20**. If you'd like more information please call 563-349-4403.





## **Tourism Talk**

Warm weather and longer days means we have a lot of fun to look forward to in

LeClaire!

A great way community members can enjoy LeClaire is to attend upcoming events

that include live music, comedians, movies in the park, beer tasting, and much more!

We actually have a great time all year round!

We had great turnouts at Christmas in

LeClaire with the always fun Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k and the new Christmas Tree

Lighting and Lighted Parade.

In January we had a great turnout for the inaugural LeClaire Eagle Festival – Eagles & Ice. Plus, we celebrated Buffalo Bill's 177 th birthday in style in February with over 400 visitors attending the museum for free.

Some things you have to look forward to the next few months are Taste of LeClaire

on March 25, monthly Cars & Coffee starting in April, Shops with Hops on May 20,

Riverboat Twilight sightseeing cruises starting on May 27, and movies at Huckleberry Park

starting in June!

Be sure and check our website, [www.visitleclaire.com/events](http://www.visitleclaire.com/events), for information on upcoming events.

We also have new businesses that have opened recently! Have you checked out The

Potter's House at 122 N. Cody Road yet? They have beautiful Polish pottery and more.

Also, did you know you can make a candle or create your own lotion at Buttercupp Candles and arrange a beautiful bouquet at Cody Rose Flower Company? There is SO much to do in

LeClaire!

There is always great shopping, dining, and touring. If you want to keep up-

to-date on all the great events going on in LeClaire, you can go to [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com),

under "Contact Us" click on "E-Newsletter Signup", 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" us on Facebook (LeClaire, Iowa), too, to see daily updates and follow us on Twitter and Instagram. Please post your photos and tag us, too, so we can see how much fun you're having in LeClaire! #visitleclaire

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

Center, please contact me at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) We have a lot of fun! In fact, we have a party and other gatherings every year to celebrate our volunteers.

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire!

Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager



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**Chamber Board Members**

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| Aunt Hatties                      | Dahl Ford Davenport Inc              | Grasshoppers Gift Shop              | Mississippi River Distilling Company, LLC        | Riverboat Twilight                |
| Bela                              | Decades                              | Grasshoppers Guest Houses one & two | Mississippi Valley Workforce Developmental Board | Riverbend Signworks               |
| Blackhawk Bank & Trust            | DME Diversified                      | GreenTree Brewery                   | SEIRPC   | Riverside Family Eye Care         |
| Buffalo Bill Museum               | Dr. Crystals Chiropractic Care       | Haffarnan & Associates LLC          | Money Matters Inc                                | River Valley Optimist Club        |
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| City of LeClaire                  | Eastern Iowa Soft Water              | Kautz Chiropractic                  | Of Heaven and Earth                              | Riverview Roadhouse               |
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| Fire Dept                         | Eventiv LLC                          | Kwik Star                           |  | The Potter's House                |
| Levee Comission                   | First Central State Bank             | LeClaire Auto                       |  | Tim Lane-Edward Jones             |
| Parks & Rec                       | First Presbyterian Church            | LeClaire Civic Club                 |  | Visit QC                          |
| Community Library                 |                                      | LeClaire Community Improvement      |  | Wide River Winery                 |
|                                   | <b>Individual Members</b>            | LeClaire BP/Greek Express           |  | Zion Lutheran Church              |
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