



CHAMBER VIEWS



January, February, March 2024
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President's Message

Rob Cain, President

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

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

What a great Annual Chamber Dinner we had at Steventon's back in January. I want to thank Steventon's for the outstanding job they did in hosting us! I also want to thank all of the chamber members who attended, and especially those that volunteered their time to put the event together! In my last President's message I talked about the benefits of being an active member, and how getting involved is the best way to get to network, and get the most benefit out of your membership with any organization that you belong to. With that in mind we have a golf outing coming up May 20th and you can volunteer to be on the

committee, or volunteer at the event even If you are not a golfer. We have so many new members and it is a great way to get to know others in the organization. Please contact me at 563-359-0854 or email me at rcain@citiesig.com for more information.

We have been honored to do ribbon cuttings and welcome new members to the Chamber this year, as well as host some great networking events.

We would like to welcome in our new members for 2024, Laurie Geest LMT and Setchell Chiropractic & Functional Health.

Along with new members we also get to do Ribbon Cuttings! We had a great time at Laurie Geest LMT's ribbon cutting on February 9th. Setchell Chiropractic & Functional Health is planning theirs and we will get that announced soon.

It's an honor to be able to welcome and get to know new additions to the LeClaire community! Please make an effort to get out and enjoy all that LeClaire has to offer. Please give us your feedback as to ways we can be of service to you, our valued members, that is what the Chamber is all about.

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Join the Chamber for 2024

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 2024 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!

Board of Directors 2024

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2024 was introduced at our Annual Dinner on Saturday, January 27th. The Board consists of Rob Cain, President, Debbie Mulvania, Vice President, Mike Clingingsmith, Treasurer, and Dr. Crystal Buesing, Secretary. Rob Danielson, Lynet Cobler, William Bloom, and Alixx Boynton continue to serve along with new board member, Alysia Huffman.



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LeClaire Chamber Annual Dinner



The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on January 27, 2024, at Steventon's. It was a great evening with many in attendance to honor the Award Winners for 2023 and to enjoy the wonderful cuisine, Silent and Live Auctions, and live music provided by Lewis Knutson.

Awards for 2023 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 2023 was Connie Allen.

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 2023 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 2023 was awarded to Aunt

Hattie's Fanciful Emporium.

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 2023 went to Emily Found It.

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 2023 was Kim & Rodney Collier.

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 Bob Schiffke.

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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What's been happening so far in 2024:

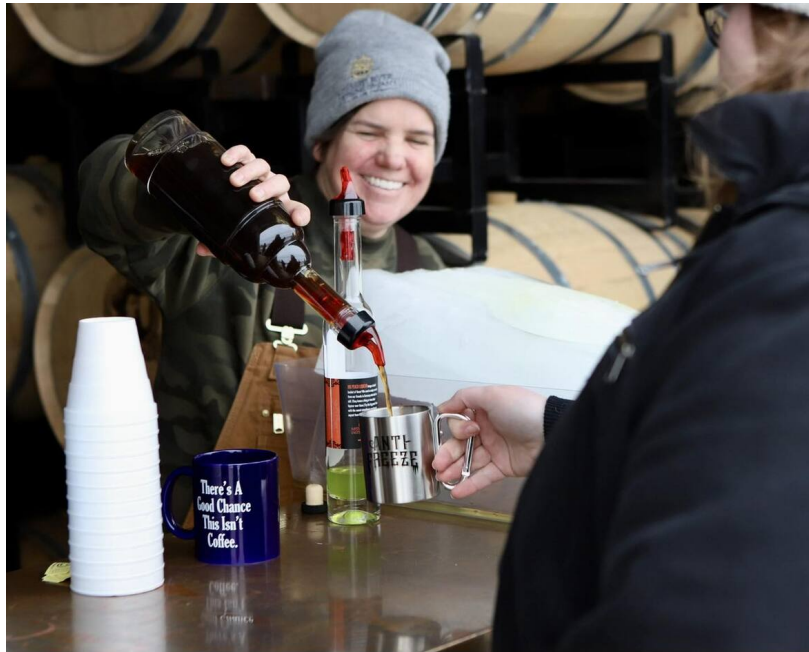


Second Annual Eagle Fest

The inaugural LeClaire Eagle Festival was held January 20th and 21st 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!

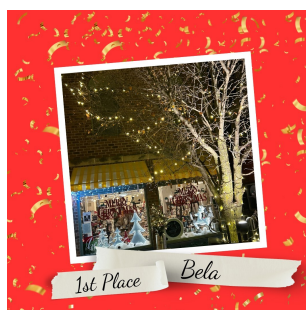
There were quite a few special guests throughout the festival. Rob Storm carved multiple ice sculptures that were then placed around various locations in LeClaire. International acclaimed author and story teller, Brian “Fox” Ellis presented a story about bald eagles. A St. Louis based World Bird Sanctuary 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. RARE Group, a non-profit raptor rehabilitation and educational organization, hosted presentations with a falcon and owl. LeClaire Community Library had organized activities for kids and there was also a hot cocoa bar.



Antifreeze Outdoor Cocktail Party

This fun outdoor event was held this year at the Celebration Center on January 27th. They teamed up with Green Tree Brewery to add an extra dash to the festivities. They had outdoor games and prizes. Some prizes were given out for things like best hat, best snuggie and other funny categories.





Christmas in LeClaire & Holiday Lights Winners

The annual celebration of Christmas in LeClaire was held December 1-3, 2023. 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 2nd. 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 25th and 26th. 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: bela, Second Place: Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium, and Third Place: Wide River Winery.

The residential winners were: First Place: 806 May Court, Second Place: 21619 McCarty Creek, and Third Place: 326 Davenport Street. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who decorated, showing your LeClaire Holiday and Christmas Spirit!



LeClaire Cocoa Crawl

As the Month of Love unfolded, the enchanting aroma of chocolate guided us through a series of indulgent experiences at various local businesses. On February 17th, we embraced the joy of chocolate in its myriad forms.

We discovered tempting discounts on red mugs at Antique Archaeology and sampled Aunt Hattie's new chocolate cherry dip mix. Bela offered enticing "buy one/get a free" deal on chocolate drinks, and Buttercupp Candles provided a non-edible treat with free chocolate wax melt samples. Coffee enthusiasts rejoiced with Scotcherloo samples at Cody Road Coffee, while The Crane & Pelican Cafe beckoned with half-price desserts from 11 am to 2 pm. Ember on the Hill sweetened our purchases with a free packet of cocoa of choice, and Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream offered scoops of Chocoholic Ice Cream for just \$1.

We indulged in the richness of Molly's Cupcakes at Janet & June and warmed up with free hot cocoa at The Kitsch-n Sink Antiques. Mississippi Cottage Antiques enticed with free cookies, and Mississippi River Distilling Company crafted a delightful hot chocolate cocktail. Nest Modern Goods hosted a Flaherty's Chocolates pop-up with free samples, while Of Heaven and Earth sweetened the deal with a "cocoa for two" mix and Lindt truffles. The Potter's House tempted with free samples of homemade macadamia nut turtles, and Razzleberries offered a medley of free coffee samples and chocolate treats.

The Shameless Chocoholic served up free gourmet hot chocolate, and What BBQ & Bar delighted with free samples from Cake Fantasies by Ashley. We concluded our chocolate journey at Wide River Winery Tasting Room, where free wine samples and a house-made chocolate torte awaited.

We embraced the spontaneity of this chocolate-infused celebration, where each bite told a tale of love and indulgence. Please note that offers were subject to change, and if you sampled alcoholic beverages, you ensured you were 21 or older. May your February 17th have been filled with sweet moments and delectable chocolate treasures!

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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.



Taste of LeClaire

March 23rd 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.

This is a promotional graphic for a leadership course. It features a woman with dark hair, wearing a white turtleneck, standing with her arms crossed on the right side. The background is a deep blue with large, overlapping orange and yellow circles. On the left, the text 'How To Make Your Business More' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below this, a yellow pill-shaped button contains the text 'UConnect Solutions, Inc' in black. Further down, the text 'Leadership Mastery Online Course' and 'Enroll Today' are displayed in white. At the bottom left, the website 'www.uconnectsolutions.com' is listed in white. In the top right corner, the 'UC growth.' logo is shown, with 'UC' in large blue letters and 'growth.' in smaller black letters below it.

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2nd Annual LeClaire Chamber Golf Tournament

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Friday Night Live

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

LeClaire Chamber Networking Events:



February's Networking Event: McDonalds

A great turnout at our February networking event at McDonalds. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



March's Upcoming Networking Event

Tuesday March 19th - 5pm @ Green Tree Brewery. We hope to see you all there!



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, beer tasting, painting and other classes, shopping specials, 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

Lighted Parade.

In January we had a great turnout for the 2nd Annual LeClaire Eagle Fest – Eagles & Ice. The ice sculptures, meticulously carved by Rob Storm, were a riverboat, eagle, snapping turtle, buffalo, catfish, and an owl. We had two raptor rescue groups bring six live birds including three eagles, two owls, and a hawk.

There were several great vendors including the Buffalo Bill Museum, World Bird Sanctuary, Steve Malmberg, the LeClaire Community Library providing fun kids' activities, Ty Smedes, Fox Ellis, R.A.R.E. Group, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spent time on the roof of the Celebration Center with their spotting scopes watching for bald eagles. We couldn't have had such a great event without all of our wonderful sponsors: Riverboat Twilight, LeClaire Chamber of Commerce, Aunt Hatties, Bela, Bamboo Baby Boutique, The Potter's House, McDonald's, Cody Road Trading Post, Cody Road Coffee, First Central State Bank, Blackhawk Bank & Trust (sponsoring and staffing the free cocoa bar), Holiday Inn Express, and Mississippi River Distilling Company & Celebration Center!

Plus, we celebrated Buffalo Bill's 178th birthday in style in February with many visitors attending the museum, helping name the resident buffalo, and meeting Buffalo Bill & Annie Oakley. Live music was provided by Acoustic Friends and delicious cookies were served, while many docents were assigned to various areas of the Museum to help explain the wonderful exhibits.

Some things you have to look forward to the next few months are Taste of LeClaire on March 23, monthly Cars & Coffee starting in April, Shops with Hops on May 18, Riverboat Twilight sightseeing cruises starting on May 25, the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show on June 29 & 30 (more info to come), and a 190th LeClaire Birthday Party! Be sure and check our website, www.visitleclaire.com/events, for information on upcoming events.

We also have TWO new restaurants – LaRagazza Tuscan Kitchen & Bar and Los Amigos. Hope you have had the opportunity to try them out! There is SO much to do in LeClaire!

There is always great shopping, wining, 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, 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 We have a lot of fun! In fact, we have a party and other gatherings every year to celebrate our volunteers. Last year the Holiday Inn Express treated us to breakfast in May, the Mississippi River Distilling Company treated us to delicious cocktails in October with great food donated by Fig & Willow and Shelly's Sweet Sensations, and we had a fun Christmas Party at Grasshoppers Gatherings Event Venue.

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire!

Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire

Tourism Manager

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