



Chamber Views

January, February, March 2020

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Welcome to the first electronic newsletter for the Chamber of LeClaire! We're pleased to "Go Green for 2020" and thank Alixx Boynton and Nichole Simms for their work in creating this communication. Our goals are to reduce paper and costs and, more importantly, increase benefits to our members with digital ads and more member stories. Members continue to tell us how much they value the newsletter and weekly Friday announcements. We work hard to keep our members up to

date on Chamber news. Now, it is easily accessible to you through your electronic devices.

The Davenport Country Club hosted this year's Annual Dinner and Best of 2019 Awards in January. Thank you! The dinner is an evening of camaraderie and friendship while celebrating the accomplishments of our members.

Congratulations to all of the award nominees and winners. Continue Reading

Welcome New Chamber Members for 2020

Sycamore Veterinary

Dr. Diane Noll, Veterinarian and Owner of Sycamore Veterinary Service specializes in barn cat spay and neuter, in-home hospice care, in-home pet euthanasia and basic equine and small ruminant care. 563-289-7706 or drnoll@sycamoreveterinaryservice.com or sycamoreveterinaryservice.com

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Haffarnan & Associates Name Change

The Pat Haffarnan Agency, after 42 years, is changing its name to

HAFFARNAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC!! Why the name change after all this time?

Well, to put it simply, the agency



isn't just the face of Pat Haffarnan anymore. They have a staff of ten and are continually growing! In the last two years they have opened two new locations in LeClaire and Eldridge, along with their Davenport location, to better serve clients. Continue Reading

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Mike Wolfe, CBS Sunday Morning and Rescuing America's Past

On February 2, LeClaire historian and business/property owner, Mike Wolfe, was a guest on CBS Sunday Morning Show. Mike is the owner of Antique Archaeology, which opened in LeClaire in 2000.

His "love of junk" goes back to his childhood, a story he tells with passion in the Sunday Morning Show segment. Mike and his childhood friend, Frank Fritz, headed out on the road to find items to pick and eventually launched the show, American Pickers, on the History Channel – which is now celebrating its 10th year on the network!

In 2011, Mike expanded to a second location in Nashville, Tennessee.

Congratulations, Mike, and the whole team at Antique Archaeology for your

commitment to preserving LeClaire and small towns in America. See the full interview HERE.





3rd Annual Anti-Freez Outdoor Cocktail Party

The 3rd Annual Anti-Freez Party was held January 25th, 2019 at Mississippi River Distilling Company.

Partygoers bundled up in their favorite snuggies and embraced the winter fun by playing wacky games and taking shots down a giant ice luge.

They also stayed warm by enjoying cocktails, s'mores, mac n' cheese and chili.



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On January 19th, the LeClaire Civic Center hosted Bald Eagle Day. There was a presentation that detailed when and where you can view and photograph Bald Eagles in the QCA.

The local expert photographers, Burt Gearhart, Mike Fitzgerald and Larry Williams showed their equipment and techniques that they use to create amazing photographs. Their all-ages slide presentation was all about the lives of Bald Eagles in Iowa. This included; diving for fish, eating while flying, flying with icicles on their toes and much more. They also helped those distinguish between immature and mature eagles, what they eat and why they winter in our area.

Local businesses held specials during the event. Bamboo Baby Boutique: Eco friendly 3D bald eagle puzzle sale. bela: Baby eagle socks for sale and a free black coffee with any purchase. Blue Iguana: Kids ate FREE!



January Train Derailment

On January 3, the LeClaire community was rocked by a sudden train derailment of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

The derailment scattered twenty-four cars and tankers off the railroad tracks on Jones Street just yards away from the downtown area and riverfront.

Miraculously, no one was injured, and no buildings were damaged in the

derailment although some nearby vehicles were damaged. US Highway 67 was temporarily closed from Eagle Ridge Road to Territorial Road.

Due to the swift response by the City of LeClaire staff, the Fire and Police Departments, Scott County Emergency Management Agency and other responders, all derailed cars were removed from the main track and traffic resumed within 17 hours of the derailment. Thank you to these responders for their extraordinary work to the derailment, navigating traffic and protecting the downtown area during the clean-up.

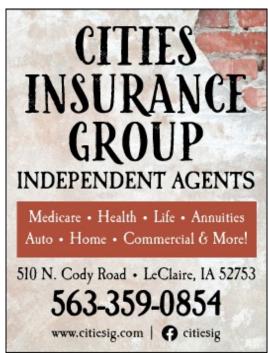
The cause of the derailment remains under investigation. The Federal Railway Administration is investigating the cause of the accident. City officials expect to receive a report in a few weeks.











Happy Hour Radio Show, WOC At Your Service

Happy Hour is a new half-hour radio program airing on WOC 1420 at 7:00 a.m. every other Saturday. Hosted by Ryan Burchett and Bobby Ray Bunch, this program promotes the LeClaire and greater Quad-Cities communities. Thank you, Rob Cain, Owner of Cities Insurance Group, for donating this air time to the LeClaire Chamber/Tourism Group/Marketing Alliance. Ryan and Bobby Ray pack the half hour with updates on events and happenings and guest interviews. Don't

want to get up at 7:00 a.m. to listen? No problem. Click here to listen to the Happy Hour episodes



Join us in welcoming: Ryan Foster, PT Assistant

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The Little Deli

Exciting News from Gina Takacs, owner of the The Little Deli! Here's the Scoop will be taking over the location of The Little Deli on March 1. Here's the Scoop is a locally owned, family shop, specializing in gourmet ice cream.

They opened their location in the Village of East Davenport in 2017 and added an Ice Cream Truck in 2018.

The last day for The Little Deli is February 29. Gift Cards and Loyalty Card must be used by February 29.

Congratulations, Gina, and thank you for your hospitality at The Little Deli. You'll still see her at 129 Coffee and Wine Bar downtown, working alongside her daughter, Merridith.

We look forward to welcoming Here's the Scoop to LeClaire!









The 3rd Annual LeClaire Cocoa Crawl

The 2nd Annual Cocoa Crawl was held February 8, 2020. Participating businesses included Chamber Members – Antique Archaeology: handed out chocolate kisses and offered a shopping special. bela: hot cocoa, chocolate coffee mocha samples and a coffee flavored treat. Crane & Pelican Café: free hot fudge with purchase of their homemade... Continue Reading.





8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The 8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Pie Bakers Competition were held at the LeClaire Fire Hall on November 22, 2019.

This was a free meal, with donations accepted for a local charity. This year's 2019 charity was "Getting Heroes Home," a financier of transportation to get heroes home for family events. Many of our armed forces are not paid enough to afford tickets home for major family events. Their simple and powerful mission statement is "Helping our nation's military families be together at moments that matter most... Continue Reading.



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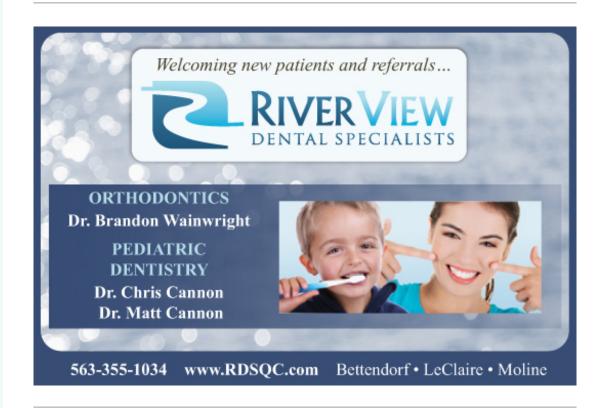


LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on January 25, 2020, at Davenport Country Club in Pleasant Valley. It was a great evening with many in attendance to honor the Award Winners for 2019 and to enjoy the wonderful cuisine, Silent and Live Auctions, and live music provided by Lewis Knutson... Continue Reading.









Christmas In LeClaire and 5th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The annual celebration of Christmas in LeClaire was held December 6-8, 2019.

Santa made his usual appearance, as did the Strolling Santas from all over the world.

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 4th Annual Christmas in LeClaire Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/Walk was held on December 7th. Walkers, runners, pets on leashes and children in strollers enjoyed the 3.1 Mile family-friendly run or walk. An After- Race Party was held immediately following the race... Continue Reading.







Tourism Talk with Cindy Bruhn

We started out the year with some excitement with the Canadian Pacific train derailment of 22 cars in downtown LeClaire. It was on Friday, January 3, but we were able to continue with First Friday in the evening. It was a large clean-up which took about a week to complete, including replacing the tracks in that area. Our first responders did a great job, too!

To help keep visitors coming to LeClaire during the winter and provide fun outings for our residents, we planned the 4th Annual "Taste of LeClaire" for January 18. Because of bad weather, it has been rescheduled for March 7th. Please join us! Continue Reading.





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