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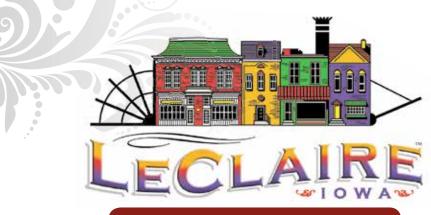
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## Tourism in LeClaire



**DEBBIE MULVANIA**President
LeClaire Tourism Board

Debbie Mulvania, president of the LeClaire Tourism Board, is proud of the town she helps represent. "LeClaire is a great place to live. The downtown area is very vibrant. It's a great place to visit and to live."

The Tourism Board is a committee of the City of LeClaire, she says. "Our Tourism Board is made up of members representing the LeClaire Chamber,

lodging, attractions, retail, restaurants, events, and nonprofits. Cindy Bruhn is our Tourism Manager and she does an amazing job of overseeing our tourism efforts for LeClaire. She also manages our Information Center, which is overseen by the Tourism Board, with the help of 30 volunteers. We have just moved into our new space for the Information Center, located at 117 S. Cody Road."

"The LeClaire Tourism Board works together with the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau and Travel lowa to promote the city and its many attractions. It takes all entities to make LeClaire a great, successful small town we can take pride in," says Ms. Mulvania. "We have lots of new development and new businesses are being added throughout town, not just in downtown." The board offers a detailed brochure on their website that not only shows the locations for attractions, restaurants and services around town, but also shows the

locations of historical, private homes. The Buffalo Bill Museum has an exhibit on the River Pilots, who took settlers' boats through dangerous rapids near the town in the 19th century, and three of their homes are still standing, although not open to the public for tours.

There's enough to do in LeClaire that one day isn't enough time to do it all and spend time enjoying the gorgeous views of the Mississippi River available from nearly everywhere you look. "We want to attract guests to spend the day, the weekend, or their vacations with us. We want to encourage out of towners to fill our many hotels and guest houses." Accommodations range from hotels and bed & breakfasts to condominiums and lofts, perfect for any size entourage and close to everything.

The Tourism Board is also responsible for scheduling many of the events taking place in town throughout the year. Whether it's a First Friday celebration all through town, live outdoor music at a number of venues, or car shows on the levee, there's always something fun going on.

The LeClaire Tourism Board isn't just a resource for tourists. The group also attracts families to live in LeClaire and helps promote growth in the area. The tourism brochure available on their website not only shows visitor friendly stops like restaurants and attractions, but also has locations for services new residents need. like doctors' offices and churches.

For more information and to plan your next trip, go to visitleclaire.com or search for LeClaire, IA on Facebook.

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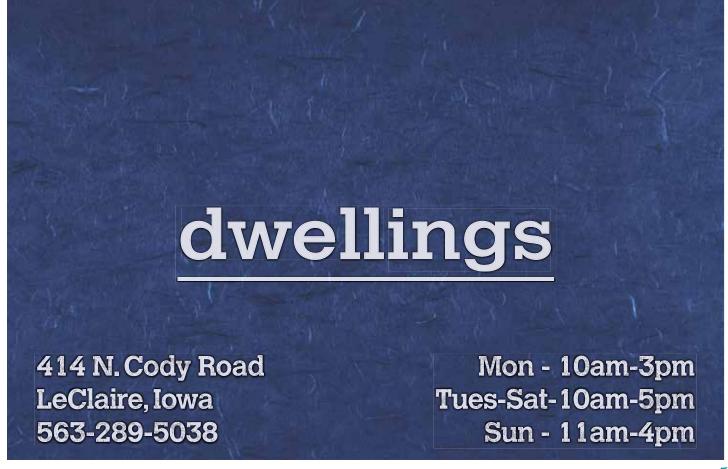
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"The mission of the LeClaire Library is to enhance the intellectual, social, and cultural strength of our community."



## Chamber of Commerce



**KATHY ANDERSON** President LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

#### **HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE** YOUR ROLE IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

Kathy and her husband, Steve, moved to LeClaire in April 2011. They quickly found LeClaire to be a welcoming and progressive community. Wanting to contribute to the future growth and sustainability of LeClaire, Kathy ran for an open Chamber Board position and was elected to

the board in January 2015. Elected to a second term in 2017, Kathy accepted the position as President and put to work her 25 years of higher education and non-profit experience. As Board President, Kathy leads a dynamic team of volunteer Board members who are dedicated to the Chamber's mission of building a healthy economy and promoting and nurturing the quality of life in LeClaire.

#### WHAT DOES THE CHAMBER DO?

As a voluntary association of area businesses, organizations and individuals, the Chamber Board meets monthly to discuss and act on initiatives that make LeClaire a community where residents, visitors, and businesses want to live, work and play. The Chamber works to attract new businesses to LeClaire and is the resource for available commercial real estate for sale and rent. The Chamber also welcomes new businesses and residents and

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## Information Center

ensures that members have the necessary resources to thrive in LeClaire. The Chamber has been hard at work this year partnering with the city on input sessions to identify the economic development priorities for LeClaire over the next five years. Facilitated by the Institute for Decision Making at the University of Northern lowa, this work will enhance efforts to build a healthy economy and promote and nurture the quality of life in LeClaire.

### HOW CAN IT HELP LOCALS AND TOURISTS?

The Chamber works collaboratively with the City of LeClaire, the Marketing Alliance and Tourism on projects to promote LeClaire. The Chamber Bucks program encourages people to spend locally at participating businesses and are available at local banks and credit unions. Through its weekly announcements and quarterly newsletters, the Chamber promotes events, volunteer opportunities and news for businesses and members. Visit the Chamber website at LeClaireChamber.com and mark your calendars for First Fridays, Apple Fest, Tug Fest, Wine Hop, Christmas in LeClaire, networking and ribbon-cutting events and so much more. There is always something happening in LeClaire.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CHAMBER?

The Chamber is a valuable resource for the community. Building on our history as a river town and the birth place of Buffalo Bill Cody, this is an exciting time to be a part of our vibrant community. The Chamber encourages individuals and businesses to become members and thanks all of the members who have made the decision to be Chamber members. More information about the Chamber can be found at leclairechamber.com or by calling 563.289.9970.

Welcome to the new LeClaire Information Center (LIC)! After almost five years at a different location, they have settled in a comfortable and visible space at 117 South Cody Road. It is especially convenient for visitors entering LeClaire from Interstate 80.

In August 2012, the LIC opened in downtown LeClaire, lowa, to serve the needs of tourists and locals seeking information about the attractions, shops, restaurants, and events in its historic community. Visitors from the United States and all over the world find their way to LeClaire and are pleased to discover such a welcoming place. They



delight in being greeted in person by a friendly volunteer with knowledge to share!

The LIC welcomes about 1500 visitors per month and has up to 3000 visitors during the busier summer

months. They also offer a clean restroom with a diaper-changing table to those in need.

The local business owners appreciate that the LIC that is run by the LeClaire Tourism Manager and staffed with about 30 volunteers. The assets of the convenient LeClaire Information Center and its wonderful volunteers greatly enhance the visitor experience in LeClaire!



For more information, contact info@visitleclaire.com or call 563.289.4242 x61135.

## What's New



















## LeClaire History

LeClaire is situated on a rather unique point on the Mississippi River. Instead of flowing north and south, like it does for the rest of its length, the river makes a sharp westerly turn and runs southwest for 15 miles. The high rocks and narrow channel made the passage dangerous to navigate. In 1832, Antoine LeClaire received a section of the upper rapids in a treaty with local Indians and the city was chartered in 1834. Iowa became the 29th state in 1846 and Buffalo Bill Cody was born the same year, two miles northwest of town.

Antoine LeClaire owned a sandstone quarry that provided stone used in the construction of several local landmarks, including the Clock Tower at the Rock Island Arsenal, Augustana College in nearby Rock Island, IL and abutments on the Government Bridge at the Arsenal. The quarry was located where the antique mall stands today. The town was home to several river pilots who made their living navigating the hazardous river rapids.

Today the city is known for its historical and river tourism. The downtown features a variety of shops

and restaurants, all with breathtaking views of the Mississippi River. Birdwatchers can spend an entire day enjoying the gulls, herons, pelicans, Canada geese, and other birds that frequent the area.

It's also known for hosting Tug Fest every summer with Port Byron, IL, directly across the river. Teams compete in tug of war competitions across the Mississippi River using a 2,700 foot long rope for bragging rights and an alabaster statue of an eagle in flight. Carnival rides, food, and live music add to the festive atmosphere, and the fireworks show over the river is not to be missed.

#### "IT'S ALL HERE IN LECLAIRE!"

Take a drive along Highway 67 where the Mississippi River bends west. Whatever you are looking for, it is here in LeClaire — a town that celebrates all year long! There are annual activities. For a small town, LeClaire has a huge selection of events and attractions, one of the best school districts in all of lowa, a variety of affordable housing options, eclectic gift shops, and a great mix of restaurants. In between the "regular" annual celebrations, there are another 48 other weeks of Midwest charm and warmth.

- · Truly unique gift shops, including home décor and antiques
- · River boat captains' home tours
- · Lodging choices: bed and breakfast, hotels!
- Tug Fest weekend that draws Illinoisans and lowans in an annual battle, complete with fireworks
- · Antique Archeology, also known as the American Pickers
- · Authentic German culinary delights and beer
- · Lock & Dam 14 to learn about the system and to view the eagles and the pelicans
- · Buffalo Bill's museum and the Lone Star Steamer
- · Fine dining cuisine and family restaurants
- · And so much more!

If you are here for shopping, dining, business, or touring, it's all here in LeClaire! Make sure you check the website for current and upcoming events at visitleclaire.com.





The famous Green Tree elm was located along the banks of the Mississippi River in LeClaire. It was known as a landmark among people who lived in LeClaire or to people who had visited LeClaire. In 1920 it was placed on the register of the American Forestry Association's famous trees. In 1964 it contracted Dutch Elm disease and had to be cut down. One section of the famous tree can be viewed at the Buffalo Bill Museum in downtown LeClaire.

### Events

**First Fridays** 

**Car Shows** 

**Tug Fest** 

**Apple Fest** 

**Dogtoberfest** 

**Witches Walk** 

Christmas in LeClaire











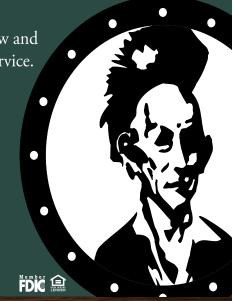






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## Attractions

## **Green Tree Brewery** greentreebrewery.com

#### **Buffalo Bill Museum**

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## **Twilight River Boat** riverboattwilight.com

## **Wide River Winery** wideriverwinery.com

## **Mississippi River Distilling** mrdistilling.com

## **Antique Archaeology** antiquearchaeology.com















## Bald Eagle Watching



Nature photographers and bird watchers will be delighted with the opportunities at Lock & Dam 14 on the Mississippi River in LeClaire they can capture amazing photos and sightings of bald eagles in the winter months and pelicans that call LeClaire "home" during the Spring and Summer months. There are so many eagles in one place, you have to see it to believe it!





It's one thing to stand on the banks of the Mississippi River and watch the river go by. It's an entirely different experience to be out on the water, seeing sunlight reflecting on the waves and watching birds you might not normally see fly by. Thanks to the Riverboat Twilight, you don't need to make friends with a boat owner to experience this.

"We are a small family owned and operated company," says co-owner Carrie Stier. "Captain Kevin and I began working in the business in our late teens/early twenties. We grew up on the river with its history and stories an ever-constant thread woven into our history and so have our children. We took over the company from Captain Dennis Trone, who designed and built the Twilight, as well as other notable riverboats. We strive to keep the history and romance of riverboat travel alive and well for many more generations."

The Twilight celebrates her 30th anniversary this year. "We began by offering two-day overnight cruises between LeClaire and Galena. Trips included a stay at the Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort and time spent in downtown Galena. In 2005, the Twilight continued on upriver to make her overnight stay at the Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque. Included in

the tour is complimentary shuttle service the second morning to various Port of Dubuque attractions, including the award winning National Mississippi River Museum."

The cruises have something to offer everyone, but they're more about relaxation than action. "While the onboard narration and entertainment is family friendly, there aren't any activities designed specifically for children. The Twilight has three decks with plenty of indoor and outdoor seating to relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the river and to view the various birds and other wildlife. There is not any activity space for games or other outdoor activities children may need over two days. Parents and grandparents might want to take into consideration the activity and interest level of their children before booking."

The cruises are full of experiences you won't find anywhere else. "We typically see 20-40 or more eagles on every cruise. We also see pelicans, cormorants, egrets, herons, and the occasional swimming deer. We lock through at Lock and Dam 12 and 13, which is something not many people get to experience from the river side."

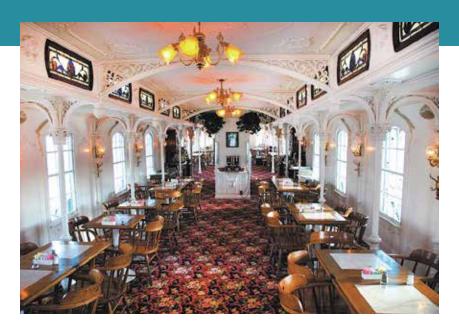
Cruisers rave about the experience. One wrote, "I highly recommend the Twilight to anyone who loves to relax and enjoy nature. Sitting on the deck watching eagles, pelicans, and other wildlife as you lazily make your way up and back down the Mississippi is a perfect way to spend a couple of days with family and friends. The crew and staff are excellent -- so friendly and accommodating. Both LeClaire and Dubuque were wonderful places to visit, each providing their own piece of history. This was a first class trip from beginning to end."

Another said, "My husband and I have taken the two day trip three times. We have thought it was the most relaxing thing we have ever done. The food is terrific and you learn a lot on the way too. We love it, there is nothing like it!"

For those worried about motion sickness, relax. "The river is much calmer than people realize, and the fact that you can see both shores the entire time helps. Over the last 30 years, I cannot remember more than a handful of reports of people becoming seasick."

"Due to popular demand, we have added some 1 ½ hour sightseeing cruises to our calendar. This allows people who don't have time for a longer cruise to experience the Twilight. These cruises offer the perfect opportunity for parents and grandparents to bring young children aboard." These cruises will depart from the dock in LeClaire every third Saturday through October. Departure times are 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. The cost is \$16 per adult, \$8 for children 14 and under and free for children 3 years and younger but they must have a ticket. It is recommended to purchase tickets on their website in advance. Tickets will be available for purchase the day of cruises, assuming they have not sold out, at the dock in LeClaire.

Cruisers are in for a relaxing afternoon on the river with these trips, without worrying about loading and unloading a boat of their own. "The Twilight

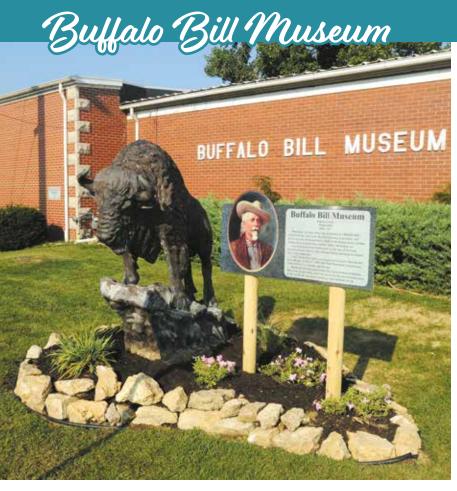


travels north and takes in the sights of the Mississippi River, its wildlife, and the river towns of Port Byron and Cordova, IL, and Princeton, IA. The Captain gives a brief history of the area and facts about the river and it's commerce. There's plenty of time to relax, enjoy a complimentary glass of iced tea or lemonade or to purchase a beverage at the full service bar on the third deck. Our gift shop is located on the bottom deck and offers a variety of Twilight souvenir items. No food service is provided, however, passengers are welcome to bring a sack lunch or small picnic basket with them." Coolers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on board.

Autumn is, understandably, a busy time for the company. "Fall is a very popular time for our color cruises. There is a short window of time to catch the fall colors, so those trips do sell out quite far in advance."

These cruises are truly a trip back in time, says Ms. Stier. "I dare you to listen to the calliope play and not imagine yourself back in 1860. You are dressed in your Sunday best waiting for a steamboat to take you out for an evening dance cruise, the decks filled with of all your friends and neighbors. Or perhaps you are sitting underneath the famous Green Tree in LeClaire, listening to the roustabouts singing as they load and unload the many boats parked there. It is truly an authentic American experience."

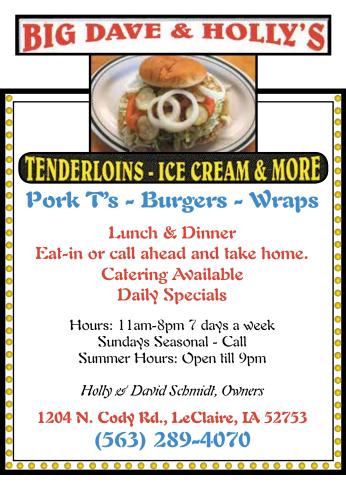
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 800.331.1467 or visit riverboattwilight.com



It's hard to miss the Buffalo Bill Museum in downtown LeClaire, with its bright red paddlewheel on one side and the large buffalo statue in front, next to the museum's sign. The low brick building perched on the riverfront looks more like a post office than a museum, but inside is a wealth of curiosities that are found nowhere else.

There's something for everyone at the museum, says Bob Schiffke, executive director of the Buffalo Bill Museum. "It's not all just about Buffalo Bill, he's only about one fifth of the exhibits. He was born in LeClaire, so that's why people stop. But we're actually a regional history museum." Exhibits include Iron Eyes Cody's teepee, women's fashions from the early 1900s, and a 1939 Chris Craft speedboat. Other exhibits explain how clams were turned into buttons, and let children play with a pilot's wheel, or go on a "find and seek" hunt.





The Buffalo Bill Museum marks its 60th year in 2017 and features a wide variety of exhibits that showcase other notable residents besides the Wild West showman. Prof. James Ryan II graduated from LeClaire High School in 1920 and went on to test automotive safety equipment, as well as invent the Ryan Flight Recorder, better known as the "black box" used in airplanes to record communications and other data. He also invented seat belts and a copy of his office from the University of Minnesota is at the museum. Another local resident, James Eads, lived in town during his youth and grew up to design the Eads Bridge in St. Louis. This was the first bridge of significant size to use steel as a primary material and the first road and rail bridge to cross the Mississippi River.

Since the museum is only a short distance from the Mississippi River, it makes sense that there's an exhibit with a boat. "We have a Lone Star Steamboat, the last remaining wooden hulled paddlewheel steamboat in the United States that's still intact. The motor is

visible, too," says Mr. Schiffke. "In the summer we have a World War 2 Model-T fire engine on display. We keep it in storage at the fire department during the winter."

Mr. Schiffke is eager to mention an exhibit about a group of daredevil river pilots. "Many people didn't want to take their boats through the dangerous rapids by LeClaire, so they'd hire the River Rapids Pilots to do it for them. The Pilots would take boats through the rapids, and then people would continue the journey on their own. There were about 20 of them who lived in LeClaire, so that's why the town was so important to the river's business."

The museum is working in conjunction with 11 other local museums as part of a treasure hunt, or geocache. Participating museums offer wooden nickels for visitors to collect. Visit the museum's webpage at buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com and click the "About Us" tab to learn more and to find other participating museums.



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Denise Day, co-owner of Green Tree Brewery with her husband, Dr. Richard Day, says he's the real reason they're in the business. "He had been home brewing for over 25 years when we got the idea to open a microbrewery. It took about two years from the day we decided to follow our dream to the day we opened, which was the first week in August 2015."The brewery offers 15 beers on tap, all made locally and with fresh ingredients. "We grind our own grains for every batch of beer that we brew and use the freshest other ingredients available. We are a small tap roombutpeople can actually watch them brew if it's a brew day. We are a small microbrewery that has a brew master and an assistant brew master who pour their hearts into every beer they brew. I am incredibly impressed with these two and their drive to do their best. They want to keep it a craft. They have no desire to go national. They don't want unknown people brewing our beers at a production facility. They want to be hands-on with every batch they brew." This company has no desire for the big time. "We want to stay in our little area of LeClaire and the Quad Cities and make fresh, delicious beer for our community. They love when other bars and restaurants want to serve their beers."

"All of our beer recipes are my husband's, with some input from his friends and colleagues. It was very different going from 5-gallon batches to almost 500-gallon batches! The different flavors, such as our Mintery Knight, which is a Mint Chocolate Coffee Stout, came together after working with Coffee Hound, a local coffee company in Bettendorf, and several friends. We blended natural fruit flavors along with other delicious beers to come up with our Berry Barely Blonde. It's blended with blueberries, blackberries, and black raspberries and our Doc's Blonde beer. We had no idea that the beer would come out green! It is very GREEN! It's very unique and will be at this year's John Deere Classic PGA tournament." The

golf tournament isn't the only local sporting venue that serves Green Tree's brews. "We have our own craft beer lounge at the iWireless Center in Moline. We have four beers on tap there and they are available during all of the events, except ones that don't allow the sale of alcohol."

Beers with names like Buffalo Spit and PB & J(ava) just beg to be ordered, if only to see how they taste. "The credit for the names of the beers goes to several people. My husband, who is a dentist and brew master, came up with several names with my help. We have had family, friends, and our beer slayers come up with some of the names. We even had a Facebook contest to come up with our beer named Mango Me Hoppy."

"The Brewer's Choice right now is a beer called Quiet Contender, which is his newest one and his favorite one to date. It is an American Pale Ale (APA). The Mango Me Hoppy is a mango infused IPA (India Pale Ale). We have had several seasonal beers. Our Berry Barely Blonde usually goes off in the fall and comes back on St. Paddy's Day; that way we don't have to dye a beer green. In the fall, we put on a stout called Canadian Breakfast. Most

breweries do a pumpkin beer, but we choose not to. The Canadian Breakfast is a Maple Pecan Coffee Stout."

There's more to do than just sip a cold one while watching the river go by at Green Tree. "We host a euchre tournament once a month on a Tuesday for the Quad City Mallards Booster Club which



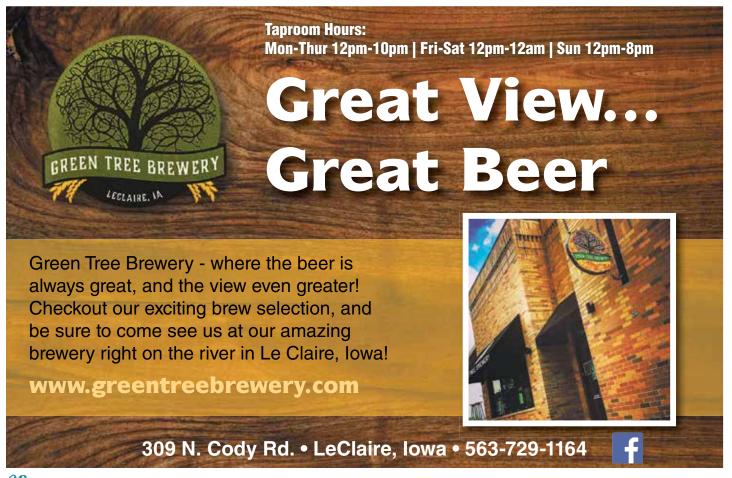
benefits different things for the team. Dr. Day is the team dentist for the Quad City Mallards hockey team.

We usually have bands performing inside on our patio most Friday evenings and every Saturday night."

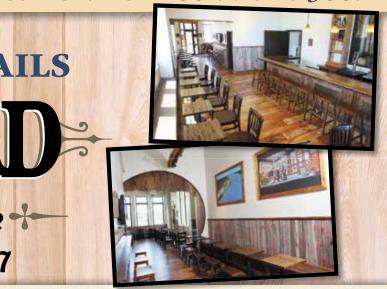
If the fresh air and good beer leave you feeling peckish, Green Tree has menus from several local restaurants that are more than happy to deliver. You can bring in food from any restaurant or your own snacks, too.

Find out more about Green Tree Brewery on their website, greentreebrewery.com.

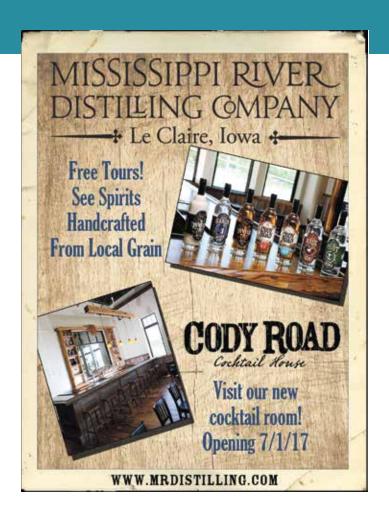




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Open 11am-6pm Sun.-Thurs. & 11am-7pm Fri.-Sat. Open till 8 pm on First Fridays!

\$7 Souvenir wine glass includes up to 5 complimentary samples.

#### Located in the heart of historic Le Claire, 9owa, the Wide River Winery Inn is available for rental for a

night, the weekend or the week.

Spacious one bedroom apartment accommodates up to 4 adults with a gueen bed and a pull out gueen sofa. Fully equipped kitchen allows you to fix your own breakfast when you want it.

Linger over a bottle of wine in the patio courtyard for a European experience or relax with a good book, a game of Scrabble or join the bustle and fun in downtown LeClaire.

Contact Cecilia O'Brien at 563-271-2750 or 954-242-6878







Imagine enjoying an afternoon soaking up the sun on the riverbank, browsing a few shops, enjoying a great meal, and then a night of good music and excellent wine. This experience is waiting for you in LeClaire and at Wide River Winery. Even better, when you're ready for a break you don't have to remember where you parked the car; you just wander up a short flight of stairs to a cozy apartment with a full kitchen at the Wide River Winery Inn.

"In 2005, Wide River Winery started growing grapes, making and sharing wine in Clinton, which is about 30 miles north of LeClaire, where it overlooks the widest point of the Mississippi River," says Liz Quinn, Director of Sales & Marketing and Wine-Maker in Training."In 2011, we decided to expand our wine tasting experience to LeClaire, which was attracting increased tourist traffic, new shops, and had a supportive city council willing to invest to upgrade the downtown area. We initially opened in the basement where the LeClaire Olive Oil Company is today. We even hosted a few small acoustic music performances in the basement wine tasting room. Our experience was so positive in LeClaire that Wide River decided to invest in the historic building next door at 106 N. Cody Road. It's a building that was originally built in 1842 and was used as an Underground Railroad hideout during the Civil War. We completely renovated it as a bright, fun, welcoming wine tasting room with an adjoining courtyard, perfect for listening to live music with friends and sipping on wine. It even had an apartment that we could offer as an inn. Our grand opening was in April 2013."

Part of the fun of making your own wine is naming it, and the winemakers at Wide River get to poke fun at their day jobs when it comes to naming the different wines. "The owner, viticulturist and wine-maker for Wide River Winery, Dorothy O'Brien, is also a practicing attorney. Her husband, Charlie Pelton, was a district court judge for 40 years, and two children in the family are attorneys. The family's knowledge and passion for the law are the inspiration behind many of the wine names on the list such as Felony Red, Ms. D'Meanor White, White Collar Crime, Pursuit of Happiness, and Sweet Justice. We've also been known to ask our customers to vote on new wine names."

Ms. O'Brien is a pioneer in the lowa wine business and has the awards to show for her hard work. "Dorothy has been making wine in the young lowa wine industry for more than 10 years, and her wines have won a number of awards at the Mid-America wine competition and the lowa State Fair. Our wine list has 14-16 wines and fortified wines, including both red and white wines, ranging from dry to fruity sweet and in-between. We also offer a delicious wine slushie. We often hear from customers that they have trouble choosing which wines to bring home because they're all so good."

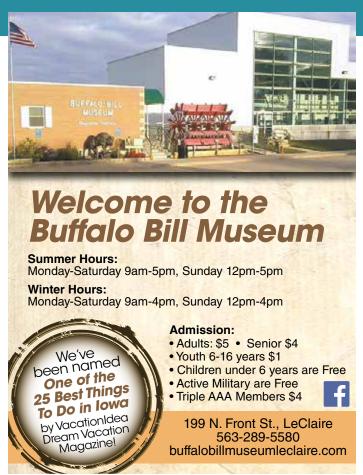
Ms. Quinn says the winery remains committed to making sure people have a good time when they visit. "In addition to sharing award-winning local wine with people visiting LeClaire, we aim to provide a friendly, fun experience in our tasting room that makes people happy. We're an advocate for talented musicians, and excited to provide a venue to entertain customers while they enjoy wine and tasty small bites. Every Friday, from the Friday before Memorial Day to the end of September, a live band performs in our courtyard from 5-8 p.m. Our live music schedule for all three of our locations can be found at wideriverwinery.com/events. We can also host and cater private parties, such as bridal showers, birthday parties, and painting workshops."

The Inn was another way to offer visitors a unique experience, according to Ms. Quinn. "The Wide River

Inn, located on the second floor above our LeClaire tasting room, opened in 2014. Staying in the spacious one bedroom apartment with a fully equipped kitchen is a great opportunity for visitors of LeClaire to enjoy live music and wine, shop, eat, and then walk to their apartment, reserved at the Wide River Inn. A reservation includes a complimentary bottle of our wine."

"We are an enthusiastically local company who employs local people, and is passionate about sharing our local wine and educating customers about wine in general." Now that the Inn is established, Wide River is looking at new things in the vineyard. "We're currently expanding the vineyard with experimental grapes that will make a broader selection of delicious dry wines. Our mission includes introducing new or previously non-wine drinkers to wine. We aim to provide tasty unique products that you can't just find anywhere, and an experience that will send you home with happy, fun memories of Wide River Winery and the Quad Cities area."







## Shopping

A shopper's paradise that encompasses everything from antique to chic, ordinary to exotic — you'll want to explore every shop in Downtown LeClaire!







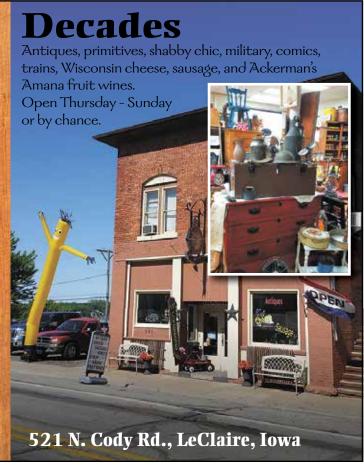
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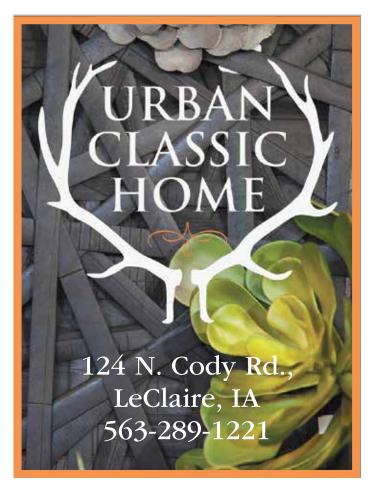
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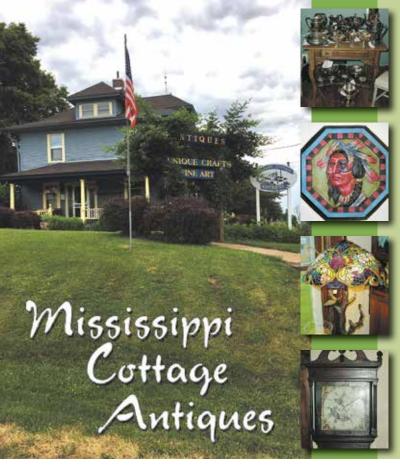


## River Chateau

The River Loft comfortably accommodates 2-4 people while the River Chateau accommodates 2-9 people comfortably with 3 bedrooms.

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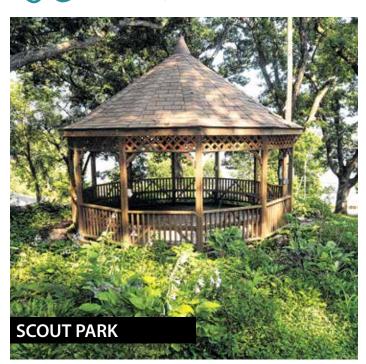
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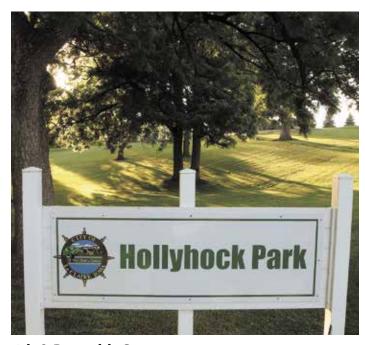
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## LeClaire Parks



#### 2nd & Oak Streets

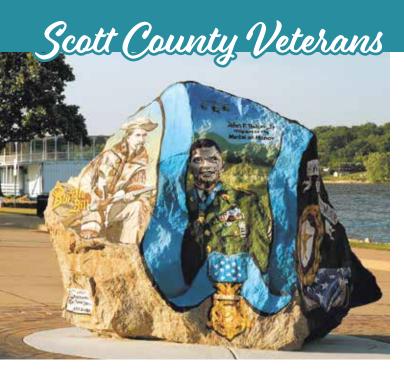
Scout Park is an historic part of LeClaire, dating back to 1834. View century-old oak trees and tremendous scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River on the 2 acres of this park featuring a lighted gazebo, picnic tables, cooking grills and a playground. Reserve the gazebo by calling 563.289.4242 x1100.



**6th & Reynolds Streets** 







In 1999, artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen painted a huge flag on a large boulder located outside of Des Moines as a thank you to veterans. Every Memorial Day, Sorensen unveils a new mural repainted with a different theme, always dedicated to the men and women who ensure our freedom. Governor Terry Branstad liked the idea and wanted to have a memorial placed in all of lowa's 99 counties.

The granite rock boulder, weighing in at 7.5 tons and estimated to be 1.5 million years old, now rests at its permanent location on the levee in LeClaire.

### LeClaire Churches

First Presbyterian Church 200 S. 12th Street

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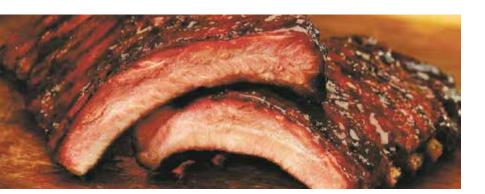
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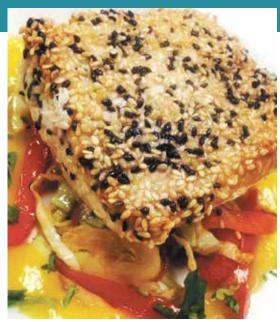
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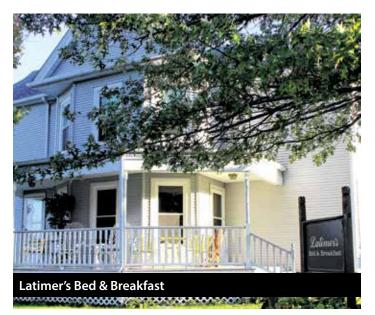
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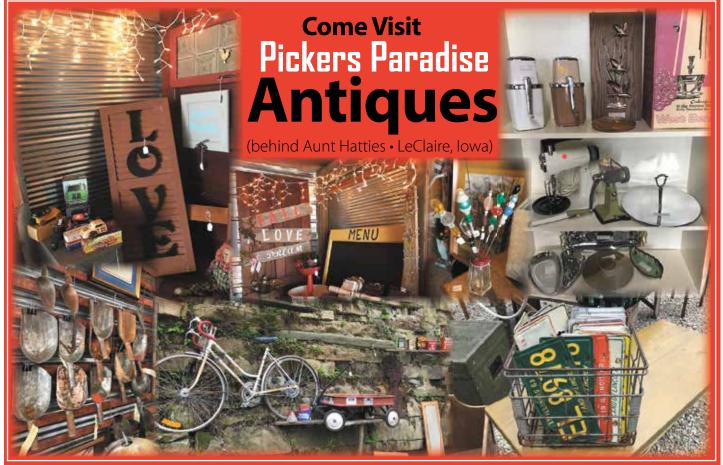
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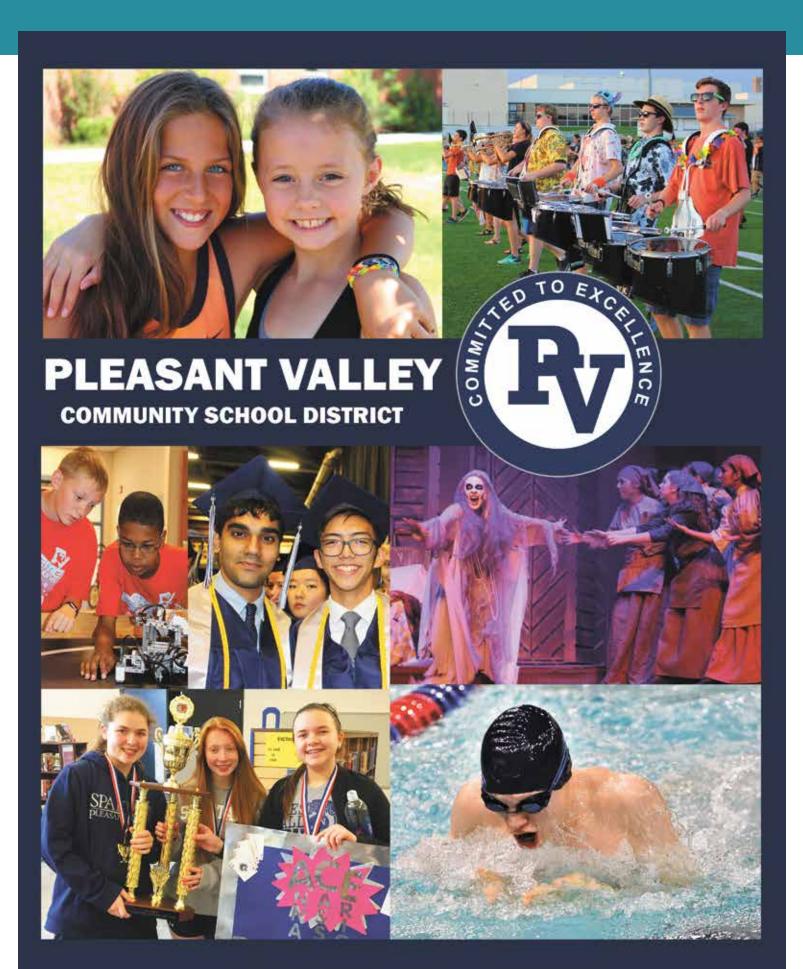
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### THE PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pleasant Valley Community School District is a premier, innovative district located along the beautiful Mississippi River. Named among top schools in the state and ranked nationally by U.S. News and World Report, Pleasant Valley prepares students to succeed in a diverse, global society. The district's goal is to have the finest academic sand extra-curricular programs in the state... not in some things but in everything; not for some students but for every student.

In the last five years, the district has seen rapid growth in enrollment. Nearly 700 more students attended PV in the 2016-17 school year than did in the 2011-12 school year. To accommodate the growth, the district built and opened Hopewell Elementary in Bettendorf in 2011 and, in 2016 and 2017, finished additions to Bridgeview and Cody Elementaries in LeClaire. Each building features a state-ofthe-art media center, along with new classrooms and other amenities to support teaching and learning. The Junior High has a new wing that houses classrooms, along with an industrial technology lab for additional STEM training. Construction is currently underway on a large renovation and expansion of Pleasant Valley High School, adding cutting-edge laboratories, a gymnasium, additional space for music classes, and a remodeled entrance and main office (see insert).

Pleasant Valley prides itself on academics. In the 2016-17 school year, eight National Merit Finalists came from PVHS. The High School offers 14 AP courses, 26 dual enrollment courses, and nine career academies (which are college level courses that allow students to immerse themselves in topics like education, medicine, and computer science). The state of lowa rated Pleasant Valley Junior High among the best in



the state in the 2016 lowa School Report Card, giving PVJH an exceptional rating. 98% of 8th grade students are proficient in science, 93% in math, and 88% in reading on lowa Assessments. PV's elementary students perform well, too. 94% of 4th grade students are proficient in science, 93% in math, and 88% in reading.

The fine arts departments at PV continue to grow. Pleasant Valley now has more than 800 students in the 6th grade to 12th grade Band program, more than 800 in the 4th to 12th grades participate in Choir, and nearly 400 participate in the 4th to 12th grade Orchestra program. PV's theater program will perform for the International Thespian Festival in the summer of 2017, and performs multiple shows throughout the year in professional-grade theatre and a unique black box venue. For visual arts, students have earned top prizes at QC Arts, the Figge Art Museum, and Festival of Trees. PV Fine Arts programs score highly in state-wide competitions and produce dozens of All-Staters every year.

PV's extra-curricular programs compete successfully at the conference and state level. From the Platinum Dance Team to Swimming and Diving to Tennis to Track, PV athletes qualify for and win state championships. PV's academic clubs, like robotics teams and History and Geography Bowl, also place at state and national championships.

Read more about the Pleasant Valley Community School District and its commitment to excellence at pleasval.org.



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#### Pleasant Valley Faculty and Staff

In the 2016-17 school year, there are 331 certified teachers under contract in the district. 62.5% of the teachers have masters degrees. 86% of the teaching staff has taught five years or more.

The development of life-long learnings is a key strategic goal. The district models this expectation in the selection, professional development and retention of its faculty and staff. Supporting the belief that quality teaching is the single most important variable a district can influence, Pleasant Valley provides:

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