

# Chamber Views

June, July, and August 2018 | www.leclairechamber.com

### LeClaire Tourism Talk

I can't believe all the fun we had in April and May and all the great things coming up this summer! I can tell you that everyone loves to play in LeClaire! The Wine Hop had about 650 "hoppers" on April 28 and we had wonderful weather this year. Huge kudos to the organizers, Emily Gwin and Merridith Takacs, all their volunteers, the businesses that were locations for the wine tastings, the other businesses that stayed open late, and the restaurants that accommodated the influx of diners. Of course, we can't thank the public enough for coming out to have fun in LeClaire!

A fun, new event for craft beer aficionados – Shops With Hops - was on May 19. They sold around 300 tasting glasses and had nine shops participating with samples of craft beer. The after-party was at Green Tree Brewery.

Memorial Day weekend saw the beginning of the 1-1/2 hour sight-seeing cruises on the Twilight Riverboat. If you haven't been on the Twilight before, I can't recommend this enough. All ages will enjoy it! They will be doing the sightseeing cruises every third Saturday through October at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. They also have added some sightseeing cruises during events - Kid Picker Day on June 30 and Vettes on the River on August 25. And don't forget - they have a spectacular 2-day cruise that can't be beat.

Of course, there's First Fridays, wine tastings, live music outdoors, car shows, Tug Fest, and much more coming up, including city-wide garage sales on June 1-2 and the 2nd Annual Food Truck Fight on June 23. There is so much fun to be had (including great shopping, 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 twice a month or check out our website anytime. You can "Like" us on Facebook (LeClaire, Iowa), too, to see daily updates.

I'm excited to share that we have a new city website that includes all the city departments in one website! The departments include: Tourism, Library, Parks & Rec, City Hall, Police, and Fire – everything in



LeClaire Information Center volunteers, Packy Huettman and Rita Shank, and Michael Brisch, Manager of the Holiday Inn Express in LeClaire.

one easy-to-find spot along with agendas, events, and much more. The new website is currently being polished, but watch for an announcement of a grand unveiling and open house coming soon!

We marked one year in the new location of the LeClaire Information Center (117 South Cody Road) on May 15. Also in May, Michael Brisch of the Holiday Inn Express treated our volunteers to breakfast and a tour of their wonderful, remodeled facility. He also had a drawing for two one-night stays for two lucky volunteers; Packy Huettman and Rita Shank were the winners! If you want to

be part of the excitement and volunteer at the LeClaire Information Center, please contact me at info@visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963. We have a lot of fun!

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire!

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire! Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager.



Many of the LeClaire Information Center volunteers at the Holiday Inn Express on May 3.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is summer in LeClaire! Summer is a wonderful time for you, your family and friends to enjoy the beautiful Mississippi riverfront and the many events in our community. Check the weekly Friday announcements and the Chamber and Tourism websites and create your "List of Things to Do This Summer in LeClaire."



There will be Chamber networking events, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, First

Fridays, car shows, Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises and the Annual Tug Fest between LeClaire and Port Byron, IL – just to name a few of the summer highlights. We are proud of our vibrant community and the new businesses that have opened in LeClaire this year, as well as the loyal businesses that continue to make LeClaire a growing community.

Summer is also a good time to use your Chamber Bucks. Chamber Bucks can be purchased in \$10 increments at Ascentra Credit Union, Blackhawk Bank & Trust and First Central State Bank. They make a thoughtful gift for family and friends and can be redeemed for purchases at all LeClaire Chamber member businesses. This is a great way to promote shopping local.

As you create your list, start at the Information Center on Cody Road and pick up the LeClaire Guide. From there, you'll find a path for shopping, dining and events. We also have many businesses, churches, park and recreational amenities and summer library programs that make LeClaire 'the place to live, work and play.' And, check the new website for the City of LeClaire to stay informed on community services.

We want to thank all of our members for making the decision to join the Chamber. Your investment makes it possible to build a healthy economy and promote the quality of life in LeClaire. We have a thriving business community and we welcome the opportunity for additional members to join the LeClaire business community.

Enjoy summer in LeClaire!

Kathleen Anderson

President, LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

# WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS FOR 2018!

#### **Bamboo Baby Boutique**

322 N. Cody Road, LeClaire. Sara Sampson, owner. Unique clothing and toys for children and babies, ages newborn to seven. Special Momma Space with special goods for pampering and essentials. Local and handmade Items.

#### Breakfast at Berrie's

1295 Eagle Ridge Road, LeClaire. Lindsey Lenare, owner. Country Style Breakfast Restaurant. 563-729-1374.

#### **Black Crow Salvages**

419 N. Cody Road, LeClaire - Kelly Sadler or Shelley Arnold, owners. Retail shop selling antiques, home decor, and repurposed items. 563-210-4345

### **UPCOMING LECLAIRE EVENTS!**

#### **June**

1 - First Friday in LeClaire

1-2 - Citywide Garage Sales

16 - Cars & Coffee on the Levee

16 - Twilight Sightseeing Cruises

23 - Food Truck Fight

25 - WHO-iHeart Radio Tractorcade

30 - Kid Picker Flea Market

30 - Twilight Sightseeing Cruises

### July

6 - First Friday in LeClaire

21 - Twilight Sightseeing Cruises

28 - Cars & Coffee on the Levee

### August

3 – First Friday in LeClaire

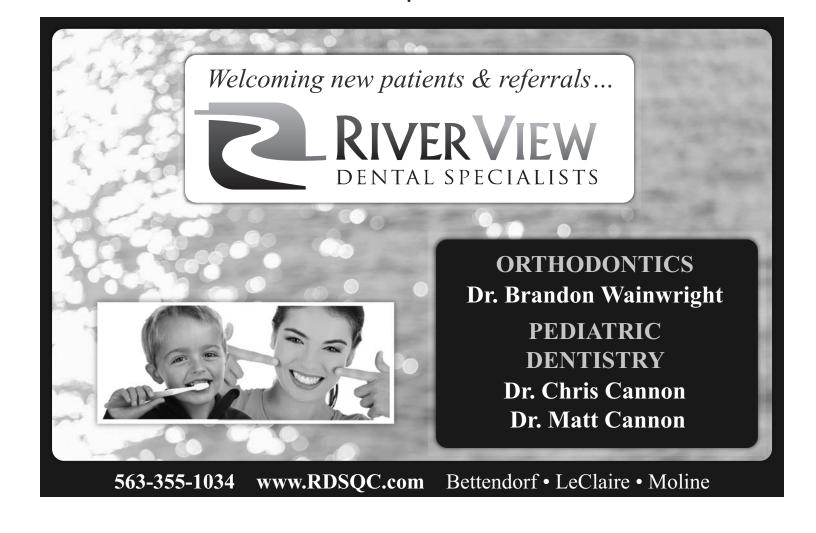
4 - Heartland British Auto Fest

9-11 - Tug Fest

18 - Cars & Coffee on the Levee

18 - Twilight Sightseeing Cruises25 - Vettes on the River

25 - Twilight Sightseeing Cruises



### RENT THE LeCLAIRE CIVIC CENTER

Our building is a very popular and well used Hall, which can seat up to 100 people comfortably, depending on the event. There are plenty of tables, chairs, & electrical outlets, large flat screen TV, polished wood floors and an old fireplace. In addition, there is a separate kitchen with a serving counter, two new electric stoves, refrigerator, two modern sinks, and microwave oven. The building is airconditioned, has ample parking next to the building, and an exterior lighted signs can announce your event. The building currently rents for \$75.00 for 1/2 day and \$125.00 for a whole day. Commercial use - \$200.

To reserve the building, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LECLAIRE WINE HOP



It was a great day for the 4th Annual LeClaire Wine Hop, April 28th, 4-7pm! Participants purchased a commemorative Wine Hop wine glass and access to samples of amazing wine and food at 18 great LeClaire shops! Samples included stops with beer and spirits, too! Stops on the Wine Hop included Aunt Hattie's/Go Fish, Bela, Blue Iguana, Crane & Pelican Cafe, Decades, Dwellings/Steventon's, The Faithful Pilot, Grasshoppers, Green Tree Brewery, Divine Dezigns by Laura-Lee, Mississippi River Distilling Co., Riverview Roadhouse, Wide River Winery Tasting Room & local vendors in the LeClaire Civic Center.

## LeCLAIRE CIVIC CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

We are a Community Association of Volunteers organized in 1938

Aug 11 - Tugger's Breakfast 7-11 AM

Aug 9 -11 - Bingo on Levee during Tug Fest at Pavilion

Sept - Nov. <u>TRIVIA NIGHT</u> - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 7 PM - 10 PM

Breakfast at Civic Center every Wednesday serving from 8:00 am to 9:30 am.

General membership meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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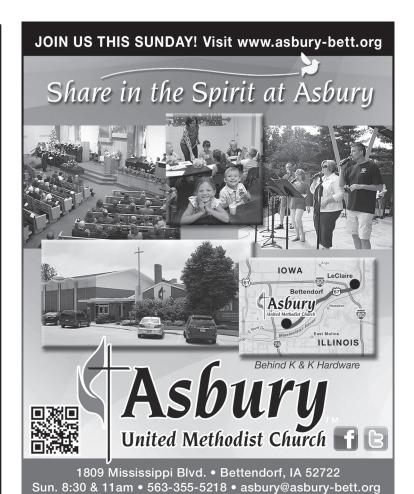
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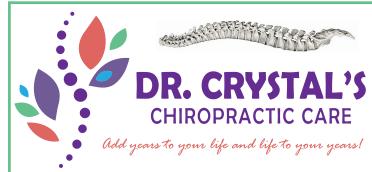
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### www.leclaireiowa.gov/

for the regular meeting schedule of many of LeClaire's civic organizations such as the:

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# LeClaire Firefighter's Hold Spaghetti Dinner



The LeClaire Firefighter's Association held its 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the LeClaire Fire Department, April 7th, 4-8 p.m. A Great meal was served including spaghetti, bread stricks/garlic break, drinks, and homemade desserts. A goodwill donation was accepted at the door, and money raised will be used for station updates and the purchase of updated equipment throughout the year.

# LECLAIRE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Despite some chilly and windy weather, LeClaire Parks and Recreation sponsored the LeClaire Easter Egg Hunt at Hollyhock Park, on March 31st at 11a.m. Those in attendance enjoyed the Easter egg hunt, bounce house, pictures with the Easter Bunny and treats or certificates offered by several LeClaire businesses.





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# LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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### **BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM**

The public is invited to a picnic hosted by the Buffalo Bill Museum, Sunday June 10, at the LeClaire Pavillion on the south end of the levee near the museum. Attendees are invited to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy live music and a silent auction to benefit the museum's latest project. A presentation will be given by Museum Director, Bob Schiffke, at 1p.m., and guests will learn about the new museum addition, a replica interior of a 1920's one-room schoolhouse. Admission to the museum will also be free that afternoon in order to showcase the addition. For more information, call the museum at 563-505-8028.





### PICK UP THE LECLAIRE MAP AND INFORMATION GUIDE AT THE LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER!

And see the many photos and great information for everyone including residents, potential residents, visitors, realtors, relocation personnel, schools, and more! The Information Center is located in LeClaire, 122 N. Cody Road, and Volunteers are Needed! Contact Cindy Bruhn, Tourism Manager, at info@ visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963 and volunteer today!

### **CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENTS**

June 12th

Lunch. • Noon. • Big Dave & Holly's **July 10th** 

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August 14th

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# FIRST ANNUAL LECLAIRE COCOA CRAWL



The First Annual LeClaire Cocoa Crawl was held Saturday, February 10, 2-5pm, and was a huge success! Participants found many delectable chocolate treats at many of LeClaire's businesses. Some offered free samples, and others offered special pricing on dining or great chocolate and Valentine's items all day! Chamber Business Members who participated were Antique Archaeology, Bela, Green Tree Brewery, LeClaire Olive Oil Co., Royal-Tea, Wide River Winery, Blue Iguana, Crane & Pelican Café, Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House, Isabel Bloom and Two Gems Boutique.



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The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of area businesses, organizations, and individuals working together to build a health economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire.