

Chamber Views

September, October & November 2018 | www.leclairechamber.com

TUG FEST 2018!

Tug Fest celebrated 32 Years of Tugging at the Annual Tug fest, August 9-11, 2018. This year, the event was dedicated to "Super Heroes", our local Police Department, Medics and First Responders, in honor and recognition of the service they provide to our community. We thank you all for protecting and serving!

Since 1987, LeClaire, IA and Port Byron, IL have held and competed in a unique 3-day event that is unlike any other festival. Tug Fest is three days of entertainment, carnival rides, great food, live music, spectacular fireworks and a parade, but what makes Tug Fest truly unique is the fact that it is the only Tug-of-War in the country that



spans two states and crosses the Mississippi River. On the final day of Tug Fest, eleven teams of tuggers, ten men's teams, and one women's team, compete



from the shores of LeClaire and Port Byron in three-minute Tug-of-War events over the course of about two and one-half hours. People from all over Iowa and Illinois, and even the country, come to support their favorite teams as they tug on a 2400-foot rope weighing 680 pounds. Each year, the competition between the Iowa and Illinois Tuggers seems to get more intense. Iowa Tuggers did their best, but the Alabaster Eagle Tug Fest Trophy remains on the Illinois side of the river this year.

Congratulations to the hardworking Tug Fest Committee and volunteers lead by Kari Long and her Board, Sherry Cassatt, Barry Long, Lynette Cobler and Chad Christy - thank you for all the long, hard hours putting on this remarkable event. Thank you, too, to all the First Responders who did their part as well. Congratulations to the Iowa Tuggers for a battle well fought, to Illinois Tuggers for the victory, and to all who participated! Go, Iowa, in 2019!

President's Message



As the summer season ends and fall soon begins, the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce continues to work alongside business owners, organizations and individuals to promote a healthy economy and quality of life for our historic city. Several new businesses opened this summer, others are expanding and some have or will be renovating their properties. All of this activity contributes to making LeClaire a strong and thriving community.

Behind the scenes, the Chamber Secretary, Laura Ernster, keeps the Chamber organized and makes sure that members and prospective members are informed of the benefits of the Chamber. Be sure to read the weekly email announcements so you don't miss any news or events. Laura is also the founder of an organization called Old Cowgirls Never Die – We Keep on Riding, which has received national attention this year. Our Digital Manager is Nichole Simms, Director of Marketing and Lead Development for Dahl Ford. Nichole is creating a new look for the Chamber website that will launch this fall. And, Jess Harris, owner of Jess Harris Photography, is our photographer. You'll see her behind the camera at Chamber events. Thank you Laura, Nichole and Jess for all that you do for the Chamber.

LeClaire is a great place to be in the fall to enjoy the changing colors along the beautiful Mississippi River. There are many events for residents and visitors starting with the Chamber's annual dinner cruise aboard the Twilight Riverboat on September 15. The boat cruises from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. with boarding at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person which include dinner and can be purchased online at https://riverboattwilight.starboardsuite.com/e/leclaire-iowa-chamber-annual-dinner-cruise-13091

Other fall events include Apple Fest on October 14, Witches Walk on October 27 and Small Business Saturday on November 24. Small Business Saturday is a way to support and thank our businesses for all that they do for the LeClaire community. Please get out and enjoy the scenery, dine locally and support our local businesses.

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Thank you for your membership and continued investment in LeClaire.

President, LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS FOR 2018!

Performance Learning, Inc.

4620 E 53 St. Davenport, IA 52807 - Dr. Lloyd C. Kilmer - Business Phone - 563-650-4743 - Email: lloyd@performancelearn.com Website http://www.performancelearn.com/ The company provides tutoring, ACT test preparation and enrichment for students in Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf and the QC area. In addition, consultants offer improvement strategies to small business, non-profits, and schools in cultural competency, technology and planning.

Ulmie's Nest

Samantha Ulmer – owner. 316 N Cody Rd Leclaire, Iowa 52753. Ulmie's Nest strives to provide safe, nurturing and eco-friendly products so families can nurture those in their nest. We specialize is products made with safe materials that also assist in engaging little minds. ulmiesnest@gmail.com, https://ulmies-nest.myshopify.com Join us for a Ribbon Cutting, October 5th, 5:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

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UPCOMING LECLAIRE EVENTS!

September

7 - First Friday

15 - Cars & Coffee

15 - Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises, 11am, 1pm
15 - Annual Chamber of Commerce
Riverboat Twilight Dinner Cruise
22 - Trivia at the Civic Center

October

5 - First Friday

14 - Apple Fest

20 - Cars & Coffee

20 - Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises

20 - Trivia at the Civic Center

27 - Witches' Walk

November

2 - First Friday

17 - Trivia at the Civic Center

24 - Shop Small Saturday

December

7 - First Friday

8 - First Saturday

7-9 - Christmas in LeClaire



Upcoming Events: <u>Trivia Nights!</u>

Every 3rd Saturday
September-November
7-10pm

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The LeClaire Civic Club





SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



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June 1 - Ribbon Cutting



Aug. 2 - Ribbon Cutting **Bamboo Baby Boutique**322 N. Cody Road, LeClaire. Sara
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newborn to seven. Special Momma Space
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June 1 - Ribbon Cutting
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- Kelly Sadler or Shelley
Arnold, owners. Retail shop
selling antiques, home decor,
and repurposed items. 563210-4345.



FIRST FRIDAYS IN LECLAIRE!

Do you know that many LeClaire businesses celebrate First Friday, twelve months per year by staying open late the First Friday of every month!? Many stay open until 8 p.m., offering live music, special sales, food, drinks and more. Come see what is happening and join in the fun!

LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

The LeClaire Chamber Newsletter is delivered to over 2500 recipients, all homes and businesses in the 52753 zipcode area, quarterly in March, June, September and December.

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Receive a 10% discount on ads if you commit to all four issues. Ads can be submitted to Le-ClaireChamber@gmail.com to be forwarded to Davenport Printing.

JOIN THE CHAMBER!

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!



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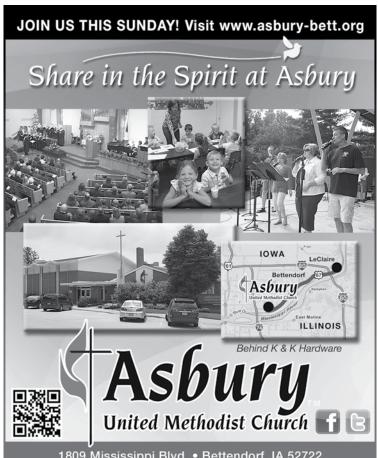
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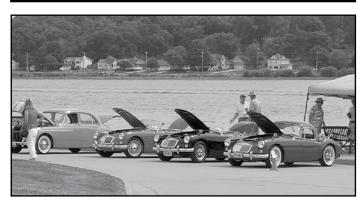


The 2nd Annual Food Truck Fight was held on the LeClaire Levee, June 23rd, a day of fun for the whole family! Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of food trucks, ice cold beer and pop, live music, bounce house and maze for the kids, a magician and more!



Isabel Bloom on 103 S. Cody Road & all 5 locations

HEARTLAND BRITISH AUTOFEST



The 2018 Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Autofest was again held on the scenic riverfront levee in Le Claire on August 4th. Free to the public, the car show displayed some of the area's best examples of British cars from makers such as Jaguar, MG, Mini, Triumph, and more. Awards were presented, and live music was enjoyed by those in attendance. DJ Greg Zirbes provided British Invasion Rock & Roll music and announced prizes.

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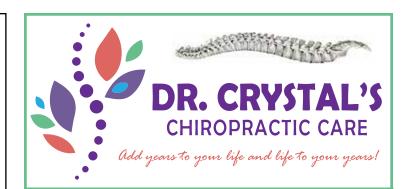
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BUFFALO BILL Museum



The Buffalo Bill Museum has restarted our fund raiser for our new one room school display, a replica of a 1920 schoolroom. Our goal was \$132,000 and we have only raised part of that amount. We hope to have a grand opening in September. Please help support the museum, and we appreciate your donations!



Kitchen Décor shop

We carry a wide selection of unique gift items, holiday decorating and great entertaining pieces. Stop in for a beverage - relax and enjoy a view of the river.

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TOURISM TALK

Where has summer gone - it just doesn't seem long enough! But don't worry - there is fun to be had in LeClaire all year long. We work really hard to make it a great place for everyone as you'll read below. LeClaire was voted "The Best Place to Take an Out of Town Guest" in the 2018

Quad City Times Reader's Choice poll for the SEVENTH year in a row! Our beautiful, historic town with great volunteers, fun shops, interesting attractions, fun nightlife, and delicious restaurants truly support our slogan - "It's all there in LeClaire!"

> Check out all our great businesses that were individually recognized, too!

1st place:

- Distillery Mississippi River Distilling Company
- Winery Wide River WineryFestival Tug Fest
- Sandwich Hungry Hobo
- Doctor's Office Genesis Health System
- Credit Union Ascentra Credit Union
- Antiques Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium
- Gifts Unique Creations & Sassy Pants Boutique

2nd place:

- Brewery Green Tree Brewery
- Liquor Store Mississippi River Distilling Company
- Chocolate/Candy The Shameless Chocoholic
- Dessert -The Crane & Pelican Café

• Fine Dining The Crane & Pelican Café

- Bank Blackhawk Bank & Trust
- Boutique Unique Creations & Sassy Pants Boutique
- Gifts Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium
- Home Decor Bela

3rd place:

- Happy Hour Mississippi River Distilling Company
- Pizza Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream
- Tenderloin Big Dave & Holly's
- Boutique Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium



The 32nd annual Tug Fest has come and gone. Iowa lost, but we still have the best party with a hardworking committee and helpers that put on a fantastic event including, carnival, vendors, parade, fireworks, live music, tug-of-war, and much more! The LeClaire Civic Club does a great job providing breakfast and Bingo. This year the Tug Fest was voted the "Best Festival" (see more details below). During August, we also had the Heartland British Auto Fest with great weather and turnout, and the very popular Vettes on the River hosting over 600 Corvettes!

You can still catch a 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruise on the Riverboat Twilight - September 15 at 11am or 1pm and October 20 at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. Make your reservations for the September 15 dinner cruise (this is a once-a-year event) online at www.riverboattwilight.com. You can also enjoy the spectacular 2-day cruises that can't be beat, especially during fall foliage time.

Of course, there's always First Fridays, wine tastings, live music outdoors every Friday through September, Apple Fest and Witches' Walk in October, and much more coming up the next three months. 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 up-to-date on all the great events going on in LeClaire, you can go to www.visitleclaire.com/email-sign-up/ 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.

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!

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire!

Cindy Bruhn,

LeClaire Tourism Manager

COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

Go to

www.leclaireiowa.gov/

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

American Legion Buffalo Bill Museum Board Chamber of Commerce LeClaire Civic Club Friends of the Library **Library Board of Trustees** LeClaire Lions Club LeClaire Marketing Alliance LeClaire Tourism Board

6TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT DINNER CRUISE



On September 15th, join us for the 6th Annual Twilight Dinner Cruise sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a brisket dinner and three-hour cruise. Boarding begins at 4:30pm. The Cruise leaves promptly at 5pm. Cost is \$45 per person, cash bar. Purchase tickets online Book online at https://riverboattwilight.starboardsuite.com



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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

September 11th Evening - 5:30pm - Steventon's

October 9th
Lunch - noon - Riverview Roadhouse

November 13th

Lunch - noon - Crane & Pelican

December - 11th Lunch – noon - Subway



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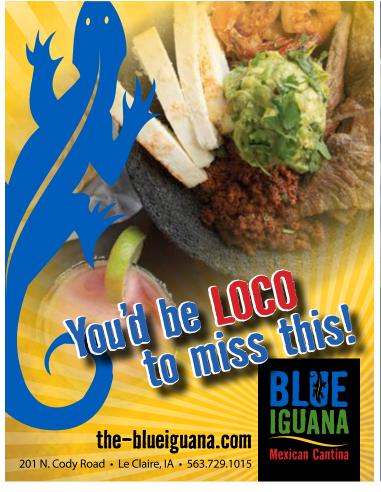
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Mike Wolfe and Antique Archaeology hosted Kid Pickers Flea Market, June 30th, on the levee, LeClaire, Iowa. Activities included a performance by a family band consisting of five kids ages 11-18. Food was provided by local youth organizations. The River Valley Optimist Club is hosted Big Wheel Races. The president of the Buffalo Bill Museum displayed an exhibit showcasing the history of the tele-

phone. A local business provided two upcycling crafts for the kids, and there was face painting and more! All participating Kid Pickers received a free ticket to ride the iconic LeClaire Riverboat Twilight. A great time was had by Kid Pickers, family and friends!



Debbie Mulvania, VP/Branch Manager Mortgage Loan Officer



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WHO-iHeart Radio Tractorcade



On June 25th, the WHO-iHeart Radio Tractorcade rolled onto in LeClaire on the Levee. The 2018 episode of the Great Iowa Tractor Ride visited cities in and around the Quad Cities from Monday, June 25th – Wednesday, June 27th. Over 550 tractors of all makes, models, and years were in

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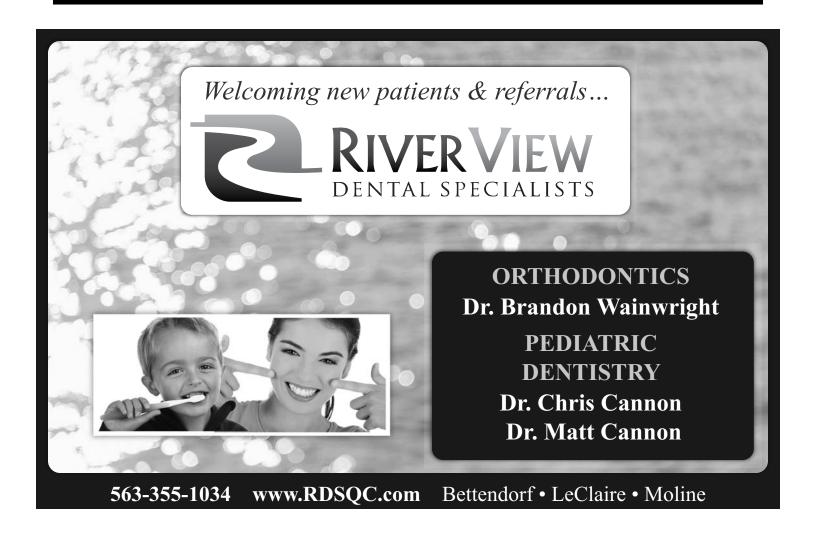
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The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of area businesses, organizations, and individuals working together to build a health economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire.