



# Chamber Views

December 2018, January & February 2019 | [www.leclairechamber.com](http://www.leclairechamber.com)



## Get in the Holiday Spirit with Christmas in LeClaire

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 7th-9th!



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

#### Friday, December 7th, 20:

**9-5 - Buffalo Bill Museum** - on the levee - Museum Tours - usual admission.

**10-5 - Masonic Lodge** - Cookie Sale, Soup, Sandwiches & Crafters.

**10-8 - LeClaire Civic Center** - Crafts, Silent Auction & Baked Goods. Author Blake Ross will be signing his books and prints.

**11-4 - LeClaire Civic Center** - South End - Santa's Gift Shop! Kids can use "Christmas in LeClaire Dollars" to shop for family & friends.

**5-8 - Riverside 4-Square Church** - Bake Sale & Family Activities. Kids can decorate their own cookies. Warming station with FREE coffee & hot chocolate.

**5:30-8 - Mississippi River Distilling Company** - First Friday Open House - Free food & cocktail samples from our spirits made in LeClaire. Music.

**Razzelberries** - Watch and listen for the Ukelele Players throughout the weekend.

#### Saturday, December 8th:

**8-10 - Happy Joe's** - Breakfast with Santa! Sponsored by the LeClaire Happy Joe's and Blackhawk Bank & Trust. Kids - \$4.50, Adults, \$8.50.

**8-?? - Civic Center Parking Lot** - WQAD Selfie Set

**9-5 - Buffalo Bill Museum** - on the levee - Museum Tours - usual admission.

**9-?? - 1st Annual Reindeer Dash Kids' ½ Mile Fun Run** - Check-in and starting line at the Civic Center parking lot - ages 12 and under. The Grinch and Cindy Lou will be there!

**10-? - 3rd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run!** Check-in and starting line at the Civic Center parking lot.

**10-noon - Strolling Santas** throughout the downtown.

**10-2 - LeClaire Civic Center** - Watch lace making demonstrations.

**10-2 - Masonic Lodge** - PPALS Ministries presents Christmas Fun for Kids - Crafts, activities and snacks. 2nd floor.

**10-5 - Masonic Lodge** - Cookie Sale, Soup, Sandwiches and Crafters.

**10-8 - Riverside 4-Square Church** - Bake Sale & Family Activities. Kids can decorate their own cookies. Warming station with FREE coffee & hot chocolate. Face Painting from 10-6.

**10-8 - LeClaire Civic Center** - Crafts, Silent Auction & Baked Goods. Watch as Master Carver Luke Travers creates his one of a kind wooden shoes from 10-4. Author Blake Ross will be signing his books and prints.

**11-4 - LeClaire Civic Center** - South End - Santa's Gift Shop! Kids can use "Christmas in LeClaire Dollars" to shop for family & friends.

**11-5 - FREE Rides in the Hummer Limo** with designated stops throughout the downtown.

**12-3 - LeClaire Civic Center Parking Lot** - Take your picture with WQAD's "The Beast" - visit with the meteorologist.

**1-2 - Mississippi River Distilling Company** - Music by The Harmonators.

**1-2:30 - Granite Exact** - Pictures with Santa - Jess Harris Photography.

**2-4 - Strolling Santas and Christmas Characters** from Around the World - throughout downtown.

**2-5 - LeClaire Civic Center** - Balloon Artist Jason Hamilton entertaining at Santa's Gift Shop.

#### Sunday, December 9th:

**10-4 - LeClaire Civic Center** - Craft Show, Baked Goods, Silent Auction (bidding closes at 2pm). Author Blake Ross - signing his books & prints. Watch as Master Carver Luke Travers creates his one of a kind wooden shoes.

**11-4 - FREE Trolley Rides** with designated stops throughout the downtown.

**11-4 - LeClaire Civic Center** - South End - Santa's Gift Shop! Kids can use "Christmas in LeClaire Dollars" to shop for family & friends.

**12-5 - Buffalo Bill Museum** - Museum Tours - usual admission.

**1-2:30 - Granite Exact** - Pictures with Santa - Jess Harris Photography.

**1-3 - Strolling Santas & Christmas Characters** from around the World throughout downtown.

**Great Shopping and Dining at our Unique Shops and Restaurants all Weekend!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Happy Holidays!* As we celebrate the holiday season, there are many ways for you to enjoy this special season here in LeClaire. Please make sure that you read the weekly Chamber email announcements for information on these events. We encourage you to start the holidays by participating in Small Business Saturday on November 24. The Chamber is a strong supporter of this day to promote our small businesses. Small Business Saturday was first held in 2010. In 2011, the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution in support of the day and by 2012, consumers across all 50 states shopped, dined, or purchased locally generating billions for their local economies. By supporting small businesses in LeClaire, you help our local economy, which is important to the continued growth and success of LeClaire.

Christmas in LeClaire is December 7-9 and an exciting way to get your holidays into full swing. All LeClaire businesses can show their holiday spirit by decorating their store fronts and window displays for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Judging is on Saturday, November 24, with prizes for first, second and third place winners. Prizes are LeClaire Chamber Bucks, a gift certificate program sponsored by the Chamber. They are available in increments of \$10 and redeemable at LeClaire Chamber Business members. Chamber Bucks make great Christmas gifts and are available for purchase at our banks, credit union and through PayPal on the Chamber website. Purchasing Chamber Bucks is another way to help our community.

The Chamber will host the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 26, at Steventon's honoring our Chamber business members and local volunteers. The award winners are chosen by members of the LeClaire Chamber and announced at the dinner. All are welcome to attend the dinner and tickets will soon be available. Email [LeClaireChamber@gmail.com](mailto:LeClaireChamber@gmail.com), or call 563-289-9970 for more information or to donate auction items. The Annual Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to network with Chamber members and friends. The evening also includes live and silent auctions to bid on items provided by local businesses, and live music. Please plan to attend as we look back and celebrate the accomplishments of 2018.

On behalf of the Chamber Board, thank you for your membership in 2018. We look forward to your renewal as a member in 2019 or invite you to join as a new member and enjoy the benefits of Chamber membership. Your partnership with the Chamber continues to make our historic community the place to live, work and play. We wish you a very happy holiday and health, prosperity and happiness in the New Year.

*Kathleen Anderson*

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce – President



**SMALL BUSINESS  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 24TH!**

Small Business Saturday began in 2010 in an effort to help Small Business owners gain more recognition and more customers. Since then, the day has become a nationwide event to remind us all to think of small local retailers when doing our holiday shopping. Small businesses drive up to 80% of new job growth and employ about one half of private sector employees. And, nine out of ten small business owners give back to their communities in a variety of ways. The large percentage of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce members are small businesses. Please take a look at the Directory in this newsletter or online at [www.leclaichamber.com](http://www.leclaichamber.com) and remember these small businesses as you shop throughout the year and during the holidays. Shop Small this Holiday Season, and invite your friends and family to do the same!

## 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the Holiday Decorating Contest for all Businesses in LeClaire! All businesses are invited to decorate and be judged. If you are not in the immediate downtown area and would like to be judged, please email [leclaichamber@gmail.com](mailto:leclaichamber@gmail.com). Judging will be Small Business Saturday, November 24th, and prizes will be Chamber Bucks in the amounts of \$100, \$70, \$30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Have fun decorating, and good luck!

## Upcoming Events:

### December

- 7th, 8th, 9th, 10am-8pm—Christmas in LeClaire (wood shoe carving, crafts, baked goods, silent auction)
- 15th, 6pm—Member Christmas Party

### January

- 19th, 7pm—Trivia night for Glendale Cemetery

### February

- 16th, 7pm—Trivia night for Buffalo Bill Museum

### March

- 2nd, 4pm-6:30pm—Potato Bake
- 16th, 7pm—Trivia Night for LeClaire Civic Center

## Rent The Civic Club

Did you know you can rent the Civic Club for your next meeting, party or event? Our club can host up to 100 people and includes a full kitchen. Cost is just \$75 for a half-day or \$125 for a full day rental.

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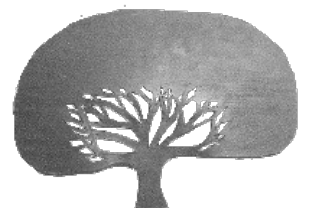
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Interested in becoming a member? Join us for our monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month and see what we're about!

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of many of LeClaire's civic  
organizations such as the:

American Legion  
Buffalo Bill Museum Board  
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LeClaire Civic Club  
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Library Board of Trustees  
LeClaire Lions Club  
LeClaire Marketing Alliance  
LeClaire Tourism Board

## LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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## 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!

## 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 web-site, [www.leclairechamber.com](http://www.leclairechamber.com) to join and to learn of all the benefits of being a member and see the directory of our current members – many are your friends and neighbors. Join us!

**CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENTS -EVERYONE WELCOME!**

December 11th – noon – The Little Deli



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### SAVE THE DATE!

#### LECLAIRE CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Please Join the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce for our Annual Awards Dinner, January 26, 2019, at Steventon's. Tickets will be on sale soon. Award Winners for 2018 will be honored at the dinner, and the Chamber Board for 2019 will be introduced. Please contact the LeClaire Chamber, 563-289-9970, or [leclairechamber@gmail.com](mailto:leclairechamber@gmail.com) for more information!

### WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS FOR 2018!

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### UPCOMING LECLAIRE EVENTS!

#### November

- 24 - Small Business Saturday
- 24 - Business Holiday Decorating Contest

#### December

- 7 - First Friday in LeClaire
- 7-9 - Christmas in LeClaire
- 8 - 1st Annual Reindeer Dash Kids' ½ Mile Fun Run
- 8 - 3rd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k Run/Walk

#### January

- 6 - LeClaire Chamber Annual Awards Dinner - Steventon's

## APPLE FEST

The LeClaire Lion's Club once again hosted Apple Fest on the LeClaire Levee, October 14th. The fun, family event featured apples, apple cider and a variety of homemade food items including pie, strudel, scones, and cupcakes, and a truckload of pumpkins and gourds. Other vendors included food and a wide variety of unique craft and gift items. The LeClaire Lions Club sold Chili, Brats, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, and Pork Chop Sandwiches. The QC Antique Car Club displayed cars, and there was a "Kids Only" area. Specialty items related to Apple Fest were available at downtown businesses along with wonderful fall shopping, dining, and touring.



### 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, 117 S. Cody Road, and Volunteers are Needed! Contact Cindy Bruhn, Tourism Manager, at [info@visitle Claire.com](mailto:info@visitle Claire.com) or 563-650-7963 and volunteer today!

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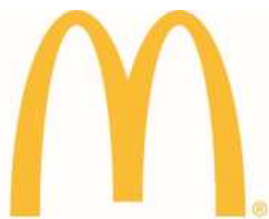


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| 33 Carpenters Construction            | Davenport Country Club               | LeClaire Community Improvement        | QC Coverage                               |
| Above The Barre Dance Academy         | Decades                              | LeClaire Community Library            | Razzleberries                             |
| Adesign                               | Divine Dezigns by LauraLee           | LeClaire Family Dentistry             | Riverbend Signworks                       |
| Antique Archeology                    | DME Diversified, LLC                 | LeClaire Lions Club                   | Riverside Family Eye Care                 |
| Artswork                              | Dr. Crystal's Chiropractic Care      | LeClaire Masonic Snow Lodge, #44      | Riverside Foursquare Church               |
| Asbury Methodist Church               | Dwellings                            | LeClaire Olive Oil Company            | River Valley Optimist Club                |
| Ascentra Credit Union                 | Eastern Iowa Soft Water              | LeClaire River Loft & Chateau         | Riverview Dental Specialists              |
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| Bela                                  | First Presbyterian Church - LeClaire | Mediacom Business                     | Shepherd-Kautz Chiropractic               |
| Beth Engle - Custom Cleaning          | FITRx                                | Medic EMS                             | Silver Creek Chapter #302 (OES)           |
| Big Dave & Holly's                    | Foxtail Hair Lounge                  | Mindfire Communications               | Snips & Nails & Puppy Dog Tails           |
| Black Crow Salvages                   | Furbabies Grooming Salon             | Minuteman Press                       | Grooming Salon                            |
| Blackhawk Bank & Trust                | Genesis Physical Rehabilitation      | Mississippi Cottage Antiques          | Steventon's                               |
| Blair, Westfall & Co., PC             | Go Fish Marina Bar & Grill           | Mississippi River Distilling Co.      | Subway Restaurant                         |
| Blue Iguana, The                      | Grace Marine                         | Moline Dispatch                       | The Little Deli                           |
| Breakfast at Berrie's                 | Granite Exact                        | Money Matters Acctg. & Tax            | Twilight River Cruises                    |
| Buffalo Bill Museum                   | Grasshopper's                        | Muddy River Tug Club                  | Two Gems Boutique                         |
| Caffeine Queen Espresso               | Green Tree Brewery                   | Murf's Turf                           | Ulmie's Nest                              |
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| Celebration River Cruises             | Holst Trucking                       | Our Lady of the River Catholic Church | Wide River Winery                         |
| Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center | IA TugFest                           | Our Savior Presbyterian Church        | Zarubas Salon & Day Spa                   |
| City of LeClaire Admin. offices       | Iowa American Water                  | Pam Bramman, Realtor,                 | Zion Lutheran Church - Princeton          |
| City of LeClaire Parks and Rec        | Isabel Bloom                         | Re/Max River Cities                   |   |
| City of LeClaire Police Dept.         | Jess Harris Photography              | Pat Haffarnan Agency                  | <b>Individual members:</b>                |
| City of LeClaire Fire Dept.           | Keith & Company                      | American Family Insurance             | Anderson, Kathleen                        |
| City of Princeton, IA                 | Kiddie Karrasel Academy              | PC Revelations                        | Arland-Fye, Barb                          |
| Clinton Floral                        | Kitzman Chiropractic                 | Pelican's Crossing                    | Bloomingtondale, Wendy                    |
| Crane & Pelican Café                  | Latimer Bed & Breakfast              | Performance Learning, Inc.            | Couch, Michael                            |
| Daffodil Row                          | LaVie Nail Lounge                    | Pickers' Paradise Flea Market         | Gerard, Dennis                            |
| Davenport Priniing Company            | LeClaire Baptist Church              | Pleasant Valley Community Schools     | Parris, MaryAnna                          |
|                                       |                                      |                                       | Walley, Wayne                             |

**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.**

# BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM



The Buffalo Bill Museum, located in LeClaire, Iowa, is excited to announce the opening of their new addition housing a replica 1920's interior of a one room school house. The new school room addition is named The Robert Schiffke 1920's Era One Room School House Exhibit in honor of the museum's director. For a century, from the 1850's to the 1950's, one room school houses in Iowa were thriving. The peak years for one room schools occurred during the 1910's and 20's. Many of the one room schools in Iowa closed in the mid to late 1950's. The museum's project is focused on what students would have experienced in the 1920's. The replica contains authentic artifacts used in one room school houses located in Iowa. The exhibit encourages visitors to interact with objects found in daily educational techniques of that time. The display is a wonderful educational tool for the museum that gives visitors an inside look of how one room school houses and education throughout the years has changed and evolved. The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce was pleased to conduct a Ribbon Cutting in honor of this addition on September 16.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for FITRx, October 4th, 1007 Canal Shore Dr. SW, LeClaire. FITRx is a fitness studio that specializes in personal and small group training. Their focus is mind, body, spirit, and nutrition. tara@FITRx-Iowa.com 563-729-1901 www.FITRx-Iowa.com



The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce welcomed Ulmie's Nest with a Ribbon Cutting, October 5th. Samantha Ulmer, owner at 316 N Cody Rd LeClaire, strives to provide safe, nurturing and eco-friendly products so families can nurture those in their nest. Ulmie's Nest specializes in products made with safe materials that also assist in engaging little minds. ulmiesnest@gmail.com, https://ulmies-nest.myshopify.com

## WITCHES WALK



LeClaire's Annual Witches Walk and Costume Parade was held October 27. There were kids' activities before the parade and candy and "Trunk or Treat" during the parade with downtown businesses handing out candy. This was a free Family Fun Event with a Costume Contest and lots of Tricks & Treats!

## VETTES ON THE RIVER

On August 25th, the All-Corvette car show was again held on the levee in LeClaire. Proceeds were donated to local Quad Cities' Veterans' organizations. Corvettes come from all over the country each year to gather and show off their pride and joy all while supporting our Veterans.



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## STROLLING SANTAS AND CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS NEEDED!

Santas from all over the world will be visiting LeClaire again this year! Looking for Strolling Santas and other Characters for Christmas in LeClaire, December 7-9! Great costumes and goodies to pass out provided! Just bring your Holiday Spirit and Smile to show everyone our community's spirit and zest for fun! Call Kim and leave message - 563-289-5699. Men and women needed for short shifts!

## "DID YOU KNOW?"



Did you know that Laura Ernster, our Chamber Staff Secretary, created an organization and Facebook group called "Old Cowgirls Never Die - We Keep on Riding" in 2016? It is a place where women over the age of 40 can share their personal equine related adventures and experiences, tell their stories, ask for advice, build camaraderie and offer support, make new friends, and encourage one another as they overcome challenges and celebrate successes.

Membership includes over 21,400 Old Cowgirls from the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, Belgium, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Mexico,

South Africa, Germany, Austria, Iceland, France, Spain and Italy!

This summer, Facebook took note of this amazing work by Laura and sent a team to LeClaire to film a Facebook commercial about Old Cowgirls. We look forward to the release date of the commercial!

In the words of Margaret Mead, "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Congratulations, Laura, on the wonderful way that "Old Cowgirls" is changing the world.

To read the History of "Old Cowgirls Never Die - We Keep On Riding" visit [www.oldcowgirlsneverdie.com](http://www.oldcowgirlsneverdie.com)

## 6TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT DINNER CRUISE

On September 15th, the 6th Annual Twilight Dinner Cruise was sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce. Those attending the event enjoyed a beef brisket dinner, great weather, a three hour cruise, and the wonderful hospitality of the staff of the Twilight!



## TOURISM TALK

It's that time of year when all of our businesses are gearing up for a successful holiday season, hoping to finish the year strong to help make it through the slower winter months. Please remember, LeClaire is open all year - even



during the winter! Our businesses need support from the local community and surrounding area at all times. Please "shop small/shop local" right here in LeClaire to support your friends and neighbors who have businesses here. If you haven't dined, shopped, or toured in LeClaire recently, I highly recommend you try it out. You will be pleased with what you find, and I can guarantee that the businesses will appreciate your support!

A great way community members can enjoy LeClaire is to attend upcoming events that include Shop Small Saturday on November 24, First Friday (held on EVERY first Friday of the year), wine tastings, live music, Christmas in LeClaire and the Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k Walk/Run & ½ mile Reindeer Dash, Bald Eagle Day, Be A Tourist In Your Own Backyard, Taste of LeClaire, and Cocoa Crawl. 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.visitle Claire.com](http://www.visitle Claire.com), click on "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 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!

If you want to be part of the excitement and volunteer at the LeClaire Information Center, please contact me at [info@visitle Claire.com](mailto:info@visitle Claire.com). We have a lot of fun! In fact, we have a party every year to celebrate our volunteers. This year the Wide River Winery Tasting Room hosted and treated us to great wine and delicious small bites. We also received a tour of their wonderful Wide River Winery Inn.

*Thank you for your interest in LeClaire & Happy Holidays! Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager*

## LECLAIRE CHAMBER BUCKS

LeClaire Chamber Bucks is a certificate program sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce that promotes spending at participating local LeClaire Chamber Businesses who support our community. They are available in increments of \$10.00 and have an expiration date of five years from the date of purchase. LeClaire Chamber Bucks are redeemable for purchases at participating LeClaire Chamber businesses and businesses deposit them as checks. Visit our Member Directory page at [www.LeClaireChamber.com](http://www.LeClaireChamber.com) for an updated list of all LeClaire Chamber of Commerce businesses.

### Purchase LeClaire Chamber Bucks at:

Blackhawk Bank & Trust - 323 South 2nd Street, LeClaire, Iowa  
First Central State Bank - 1291 Eagle Ridge Road, LeClaire, Iowa  
Ascentra Credit Union - 949 Mississippi View Court, LeClaire, Iowa  
Available to purchase online through PayPay [www.LeClaireChamber.com](http://www.LeClaireChamber.com)

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