

Chamber Views

June, July & August 2019 | www.leclairechamber.com

President's Message



It is finally summer in LeClaire. It was a long winter and spring brought unprecedented flooding to LeClaire and the Quad-Cities community. Quoting from a recent statement by the Quad-Cities Chamber, "if there was ever a time to support small business and your downtown, now would be that time. Plan an extra lunch or schedule a time to go shopping. Because after the flood waters

go away, that's really the time people will be assessing what happened. Now it's time for the Quad-Cities to rally together and support each other, as we do best."

Let's support our friends, neighbors and businesses as recovery continues. Let's celebrate summer by shopping and dining local and utilizing the many services provided in LeClaire. Let's enjoy the countless events sponsored by Tourism, businesses, churches, parks, library and other organizations. Make it your goal to attend at least three of them. Use the weekly Friday announcements and the Chamber and Tourism websites to start your "Summer in LeClaire Checklist." Visit the Information Center on Cody Road and pick up the LeClaire Guide. And, check the City of LeClaire website to stay informed on community services.

Plan to attend Chamber networking events, celebrations for new and expanding businesses, First Fridays, car shows, Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises and the Annual Tug Fest between LeClaire and Port Byron – just to name a few of summer's highlights. We are proud of our vibrant community and the new businesses opening in LeClaire, as well as the loyal businesses that continue to make LeClaire a growing community. We're especially pleased to see new business development and expansion on North Cody Road.

Summer is a good time to use those Chamber Bucks you've been saving. Purchase more of them at Ascentra Credit Union, Blackhawk Bank & Trust and First Central State Bank. Then, spend them at all LeClaire Chamber member businesses. This is a great way to promote our local businesses.

We want to thank all of our members for making the decision to join or renew membership in the Chamber. Your investment makes it possible to build our economy and promote the quality of life in LeClaire.

Let's make this the summer of support in LeClaire!

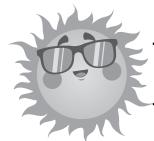
Kathleen Anderson

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce - President

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!

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



LECLAIRE SUMMER EVENTS!

AUGUST

- **JUNE** Citywide Garage Sales
- 8 First Friday in LeClaire
- 15 Cars & Coffee on the Levee

Sightseeing Cruises

- 15 Riverboat Twilight
- 22 Food Truck Fight

JULY

- 5 First Friday in LeClaire
- 20 Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises
- 20 Cars & Coffee on the Levee

- 2 First Friday in LeClaire
- 3 Heartland British Auto Fest
- 8-10 Tug Fest!
- 17 Cars & Coffee on the Levee
- 17 Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises



CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome!

June 11th

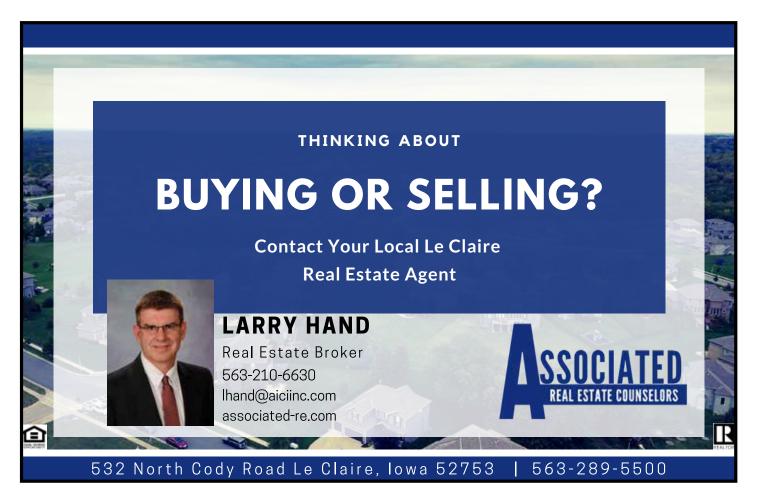
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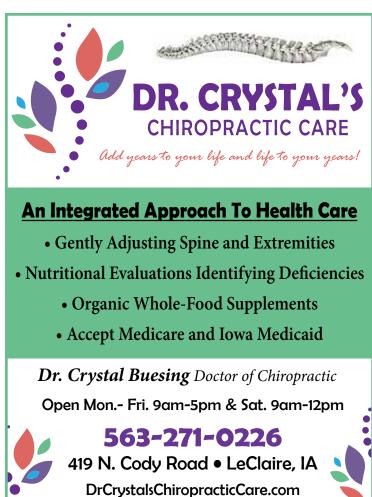
July 9th

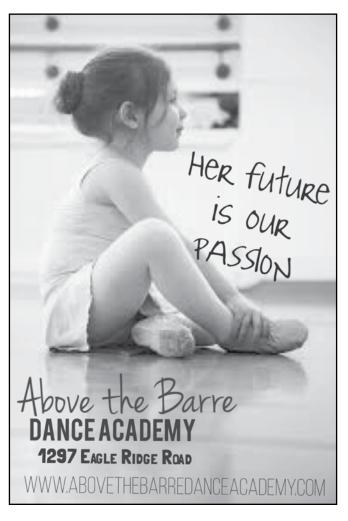
Evening - 5:30 - Mississippi River Distillery

August 13th

Lunch - noon - Big Dave and Holly's







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.

All current Chamber Members are invited to advertise!

The rates remain very affordable:

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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.

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



The LeClaire Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting on March 1, 2019, to welcome bela, under new ownership by Tammy Danielson. bela is located at 215 N. Cody Road, LeClaire, offering kitchen and home décor, and also serving beverages with a great view of the Mississippi River.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2019

Tasty Café – 504 N. Cody Road, LeClaire – Family owned diner serving tasty breakfasts and hearty lunches. Stop in and see us – open 7 days a week! We also offer take out! 563-729-1401.





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!



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LECLAIRE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



LeClaire Parks and Recreation sponsored the LeClaire Easter Egg Hunt at Hollyhock Park, on April 20th at 12:30p.m. Those in attendance enjoyed the Easter egg hunt, bounce house, lunch, treats and pictures with the Easter Bunny!



Shops with Hops returned to historic downtown LeClaire, IA on Saturday May 18th, 2019. Starting at 3pm, several shops hosted the Midwest's best breweries so participants could sip, sample and shop their way through town, enjoying delicious craft beer samples from 5 oz.

souvenir tasting glass. Green Tree Brewery hosted the after party! Sponsored by CCKMA-Qc, the event helped raise money to fight cancer. Aunt Hattie's, Royal-Tea, Razzleberries Fine Gifts, bela, Decades, Grasshoppers Gift Shop, Riverview Roadhouse and The Crane & Pelican were participating Chamber member businesses.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

CIVIC CLUB TO HELP LECLAIRE RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY RECENT FLOODING

We all know many LeClaire residences sustained damage from the recent flooding. Many along the river are prepared for flooding, but this year was not usual. Many basements took a hit, and pumps just could not keep up. The LeClaire Civic Club would like to help. We have been in contact with some residents, and at this point, cleaning items seem to be the most needed. The Civic Club will be collecting money for purchase of cleaning supplies. To donate, contact any Civic Club Member or mail to Civic Club PO Box 562 LeClaire IA 52753. Taking donations through June 10, 2019.



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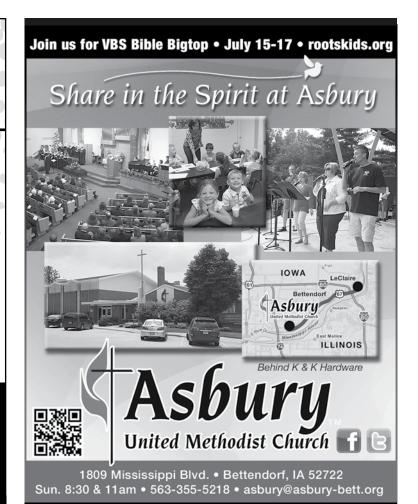
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MIKE WOLFE AND FRANK FRITZ, AMERICAN PICKERS, AND THEIR TEAM ARE EXCITED TO RETURN TO IOWA!



They plan to film episodes of the hit series. American Pickers throughout our area from May 27th-June 9th. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant

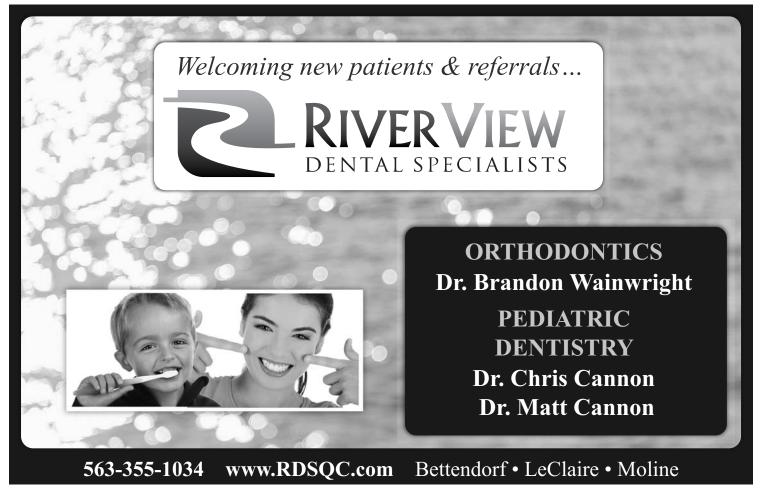
objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They will be finding extraordinary items and hearing fascinating tales about them right here where it all began!

5TH ANNUAL LECLAIRE WINE HOP



It was a chilly but great day for the 5th Annual LeClaire Wine Hop, Saturday, April 27th, 4-7pm! Participants purchased a commemorative Wine Hop wine glass and had access to samples of amazing wines and food at several great LeClaire shops. Participating Chamber business members included Aunt

Hattie's, Blue Iguana, Crane & Pelican Café, Wide River Winery, Riverview Roadhouse, Grasshopper's Gift Shop,129, Dwellings, Bierstube, Steventon's, Mississippi River Distilling Co, The Little Deli, Bamboo Baby, Decades and Go Fish. Of course, there was plenty of shopping! In addition to the great shops and tastings, there were vendors in the LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S. Cody Road, selling cosmetics, handmade jewelry, clothing, and other goods. NEW this year - participants had their Wine Hop map stamped at each location for a chance to win a "LeClaire Weekend" basket filled with goodies for a fun weekend in LeClaire!





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@visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963 and volunteer today!

HUCKLEBERRY PARK GROUND BREAKING



Stay tuned for Big things coming to LeClaire!

LeClaire Parks and Recreation

LeClaire Firefighters HOLD SPAGHETTI DINNER

The LeClaire Firefighter's Association held its 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the LeClaire Fire Department, great 13th, 4-8p.m. A

meal was served including spaghetti, bread sticks/garlic bread, 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 year. And, kids got to meet the firemen and see the trucks!





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TASTE OF LECLAIRE



bars and estaurants offered free samples of an assortment of food and beverages, including beer, wine and spirits for the plus 21 club.

The event was rescheduled after bad weather hit the area back in January. Taste of LeClaire was a free event held on Saturday, March 2, in downtown LeClaire. Participating Chamber member businesses included The Crane & Pelican Café, Aunt Hattie's with What BBQ & Bar King Cake samples, bela with Blue Iguana Mexican Chili, Grasshoppers Gift Shop, Green Tree Brewery, LeClaire Olive Oil Company, LeClaire River Loft, Mississippi River Distilling Company, Razzleberries, Riverview Roadhouse, Royal Tea and Wide River Winery Tasting Room.



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Please join us in welcoming Rachael Wauer, PT, DPT

Rachael began working at Genesis Physical Therapy, LeClaire in 2018. She enjoys working with patients of all ages but has a special interest in working with runners. She helps athletes recover from injuries so they can return to sports.

To schedule an appointment, call (563) 289-2100.

Train to Run Program

Rachael is a part of the Genesis Train to Run Program and works with runners to improve stamina and agility while reducing injury risk. The program helps runners of all skill level and consists of three, 90-minute sessions over three weeks.

For more information, call (563) 421-0800.



Join the conversation! **GENESIS HEALTH SYSTEM**





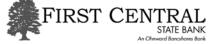


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LE CLAIRE TOURISM TALK

We had a rough winter and April brought major flooding to the Quad City area. For about a week, Hwy. 67 was closed at the north end of LeClaire, and that greatly impacted visitors coming to town. The flooding also caused three businesses to close temporarily and damaged homes.

On May 5, the Hwy. 67 was reopened and the businesses were also able to reopen to their many customers who were missing them! Please support our local businesses on a daily basis – it helps them stay open during difficult times and be there when you need them!

Many love to play in LeClaire! The Wine Hop had about 350 "hoppers" on April 27 despite the rainy, chilly weather. Huge kudos to the organizers, Emily Gwin and Merridith Bennett, 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!



The public and media were invited to help LeClaire, Iowa celebrate its Cultural & Entertainment District (CED) on Friday, May 3 at 5:30pm at the Mississippi River Distilling Company with a LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting during First Friday and other fun activities. Local legislators, LeClaire Chamber, LeClaire Tourism Board, Visit Quad Cities, Eastern Iowa Tourism Associaion, and Chris Kramer,

Liesl Seabert, and Dan Bolsem from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and other guests were on hand to help us celebrate.

The Cultural & Entertainment District well-identified, designation recognizes walkable, mixed-use, compact areas of a city or county in which a high concentration of cultural facilities serves as an anchor. To be designated, a Cultural & Entertainment District must be an area where arts and cultural activities already thrive. Currently, Iowa has seven Cultural & Entertainment Districts. The Cultural & Entertainment District program is overseen by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. More information is available at iowaculture.gov.

Last year, LeClaire applied for redesignation of the Cody Road Cultural & Entertainment District (CED). It was originally designated a CED in 2007, and the State of Iowa requires yearly reports and redesignations every 10 years.

The Cody Road Cultural & Entertainment District runs parallel to the Mississippi River and is located on the Great River Road. Cody Road includes many mid-to-late 1800s historical buildings that are part of the Cody Road Historic District, a National Historic District. Many structures now house unique retail shops, antique stores, galleries, restaurants, music venues and a winery. The Buffalo Bill Museum and River Pilot's Pier, LeClaire Community Library, and entertainment venues including a brewery and distillery in newer buildings are also within the district's boundaries.

As part of our celebration on May 3, other activities were going on throughout the day and evening including First Friday festivities and live music at Mississippi River Distilling Company, shops open late, "Paint the Town" at Bamboo Baby Boutique, "make-n-take" art projects at Drift Away Studio, and more live music at Grasshoppers, the Faithful Pilot, Wide River Winery Tasting Room, Green Tree Brewery.

The 2nd Annual Shops with Hops, a fun event for craft beer aficionados, was on May 18. They sold around 300 tasting glasses and had 11 shops participating with samples of craft beer. The after-party was at Green Tree Brewery. The event organizers do a great job of highlighting local shops and craft breweries to remind us to "Shop Small / Shop Local"!

Memorial Day weekend saw the beginning of the 1-1/2 hour sightseeing 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 sightseeing cruises during Vettes on the River on August 24. And don't forget – they have a spectacular 2-day cruise that can't be beat. Check out www.riverboattwilight.com to make your reservation.

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 7-8 and the 3rd Annual Food Truck Fight on June 22.

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 and find us on Twitter and Instagram.

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!

Cindy Bruhn LeClaire Tourism Manager

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