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LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Volunteer of the Year 2018,
APRIL FLANIGAN



Event of the Year for 2018
WINE HOP



The Brick & Mortar Award for 2018
THE LITTLE DELI

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on January 26, 2019, at Steventon's in LeClaire. It was a great evening with many in attendance to honor the Award Winners for 2018 and to enjoy the wonderful cuisine, Silent and Live Auctions, and live music provided by Lewis Knutson.

Awards for 2018 fell into four categories. Volunteer of the Year recognizes the individual whose exceptional volunteer efforts contributed to the vibrancy of our local economy, while promoting and nurturing the quality of life in historic LeClaire. **Volunteer of the Year 2018 was April Flanigan** for her work with the Witches Walk and the LeClaire Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Event of the Year recognizes the event (new or ongoing) that best demonstrates the hospitality and community spirit of LeClaire. **The Event of the Year for 2018 was The Wine Hop.** The "Golden Pineapple" Customer Service Award goes to the individual or business that best exemplifies the hospitality for which LeClaire is well known. **The Golden Pineapple Award for Customer Service 2018 was awarded to The Riverboat Twilight.** The Brick & Mortar Award recognizes the business that has most improved or built its facility in keeping with the charm of LeClaire. **The Brick & Mortar Award for 2018 went to The Little Deli.** Congratulations to all Award Winners as chosen by members of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce!

The LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2019 was also introduced at the Annual Dinner. The Board consists of Kathleen Anderson, President, Debbie Mulvania, Vice President, Mike Clingsmith, Treasurer, and Dr. Crystal Buesing, Secretary. Dennis Gerard, Nadine Coon, Nicole Kearney, Heather Faris and Emily Gwin continue to serve. We would like to thank Carl Hoyt, Jr. for his past service to the Board.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who attended the Dinner, and to those who donated and bid on items for the Live and Silent Auctions. Thank you, too, to Josh Jackson who once again did an outstanding job as Auctioneer for the Live Auction.



THE LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We celebrated the Chamber Annual Dinner and Best of 2018 Awards in January. We again congratulate all the nominees and winners on their accomplishments. Thank you Chamber members for taking the time to vote on these awards and recognize the ways in which our businesses and volunteers help to make LeClaire a thriving community.

An event like this doesn't happen without the support of our Chamber members. Over 100 people attended the celebration despite the cold and snow. We appreciate the many sponsors and donors for their generous donations to the silent and live auctions. The proceeds from the dinner allow us to fund local projects. A special thanks to Debbie Mulvania and the Planning Committee for coordinating such a successful event and to Steventon's for hosting the dinner.

2018 was a year of continued growth and change for the LeClaire business community. We welcomed fourteen new businesses, had two shops move to different locations in LeClaire and congratulated new owners of two existing LeClaire businesses. With the partnership of the City of LeClaire, Tourism, the Marketing Alliance and the Chamber we hope to see continued growth in 2019.

Continuing into the month of March, the Chamber's focus is on memberships. If you are renewing a membership or are a first-time member, thank you. There are many benefits you receive as a member. Please read more about Chamber membership in the "Did You Know" column of this newsletter.

We look forward to working together with you in 2019 to continue to make historic LeClaire the place to live work and play!

Kathleen Anderson

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce – President

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



On November 16, 2018, the LeClaire Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting for the new ownership of **Grasshoppers**, 208 N Cody Rd, Le Claire. Monica Schons was congratulated as the new owner. Grasshoppers continues to carry charming items for home, kitchen, bath and more, and the wine cellar is open. 563-289-4652. Kim and Rodney Collier will continue business in **Grasshoppers Barn** and with **Grasshoppers Guest Houses One and Too**, 563-370-7367.



On December 13, 2018 **The Little Deli**, 204 Jones Street, Le Claire, was officially welcomed with a Ribbon Cutting by the LeClaire Chamber. Owners Gina Takacs and Merridith Bennett offer soups, sandwiches, salads and a wide variety of beverages. Perfect stop for lunch! 563-289-1905. Find them on Facebook.



The LeClaire Chamber welcomed **Caffeine Queen Espresso** with a Ribbon Cutting at Grasshoppers on December 15, 2018. Owners Kim and Glenn Deetman offer catering, serving hot and cold drinks for events, weddings, holidays, festivals and conventions. CaffeineQueenEspresso@gmail.com. 703-909-5920.



Minks Inks held a Grand Opening and was officially welcomed by the LeClaire Chamber on January 4, 2019. Owned by Billy and Mary Minks, offering tattoos and body piercings, Minks Inks is located in the heart of LeClaire at 105 N. Cody Road. 563.459-9450 www.minksinks.com and find them on Facebook



A Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for LeClaire **River Loft & River Chateau** was held on February 1, 2019. Under new ownership by Sheila Volrath, both are located right in downtown LeClaire, 114 N. Cody Road and 402 N. Cody Road, offering all the comforts of home, just steps away from the shops, restaurants and the Mississippi River. 563-320-2991

TOURISM TALK

To help keep visitors coming to LeClaire during the winter and provide fun outings for our residents, we planned the 3rd Annual "Taste of LeClaire" for January 19. Because of bad weather, it has been rescheduled for March 2nd.



Tom Chouteau posing with one of the kaleidoscopes that he made: The Blue Note.

On February 9th we had the 2nd Annual Cocoa Crawl. Twenty businesses participated offering hot cocoa or a chocolate treat; some offered special sales and discounts. It was a chilly day, but visitors were anxious to get out and about after all the extreme winter weather we've been experiencing. It also helped get people in the mood to celebrate Valentine's Day!

A new addition to the LeClaire Information Center (LIC) is a fun kaleidoscope that was made by Tom Chouteau called "The Blue Note." It is currently on display; the LIC is open from noon-3pm daily (weather permitting) through April 14.

Looking forward to spring and summer, we have a lot of great things coming up including the monthly First Friday events, Wine Hop on April 27, Shops with Hops on May 18, live music outdoors at Wide River Winery Tasting Room, Steventon's, Mississippi River Distilling Co. and the Green Tree Brewery, 1.5 hour sightseeing cruises on the Riverboat Twilight starting on May 25, and much more!

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/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.

Our volunteers had a great time at our holiday party in late December – it's just one of the fun things we do throughout the year. If you want to be part of the excitement and volunteer at the LeClaire Information Center, please contact me at info@visitle Claire.com. We do have a lot of fun!

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

Upcoming Events:

February

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

March

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

April

- 13th, 4pm-6:30pm—Swiss Steak Dinner
- 20th, 7pm—Trivia Night for QC Women's Philanthropy

May

- 18th, 7pm—Trivia for Lion's Club

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.

For more information contact Debbie at 563-349-4403

****Members, don't forget to renew your membership for 2019. Just \$8 for the year!**

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The LeClaire Civic Club

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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

LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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2 oz. Chocolate Cherry Stout beer with a cherry LeClaire Olive Oil Co.: 10% off chocolate balsamic vinegars. Royal-tea: dark chocolate peppermint tea & 'tuxedo': Wide River Winery Tasting Room: Blue Iguana: Chocolate White Russian \$4 Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House: hot chocolate; make it a "cocktail" \$6 Antique Archaeology: chocolate kisses & Buy a Sweatshirt and get a Lips Logo Patch Isabel Bloom: new Lillie & Pine "Hot Chocolate" soap & get a Mini Gnome with a \$50 purchase.

UPCOMING LECLAIRE EVENTS!

MARCH

- 1 First Friday
- 2 Taste of LeClaire
- 16 Trivia at Civic Center

APRIL

- 5 First Friday
- 20 Cars & Coffee on the Levee
- 20 Trivia at Civic Center
- 27 Wine Hop

MAY

- 3 First Friday
- 18 Cars & Coffee on the Levee

MAY (continued)

- 18 Shops With Hops
- 18 Trivia at Civic Center
- 25-27 Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises, 11am, 1pm, 3pm

JUNE

- 7-8 Citywide Garage Sales
- 8 First Friday
- 15 Cars & Coffee on the Levee
- 15 Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises
- 22 Food Truck Fight

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DID YOU KNOW

Chamber Membership

What are your 2019 goals? How are you going to get there? How are you marketing your business? Are you taking full advantage of your Chamber membership? Joining the Chamber is an economical way to promote your products and services. As part of your membership, you receive these benefits:

- Listing on the Chamber website with weblinks to all member businesses
- Promoting your business through Facebook, website and email
- Celebrating with new and existing businesses with ribbon cuttings
- Staying up to date with Chamber news, community events and volunteer opportunities and advertise your business via the weekly email, "Friday Announcements"
- Advertising at a low cost in the quarterly newsletters that go to over 2,500 recipients
- Referring of Chamber members in response to inquiries
- Participating in Chamber Bucks Program to promote patronage of local businesses
- Monthly events: networking and Economic Development meetings
- Annual Events: Award Dinner and Riverboat Twilight Cruise

The monthly networking events are a great opportunity to share your story and meet with other business owners, employees and residents. Please make it one of your 2019 goals to attend networking events. They are published in the Friday Announcements. If you are interested in speaking at a networking event, email us at leclairechamber@gmail.com. And, follow us on Facebook for current news and events. To learn more about the Chamber, please visit our website at leclairechamber.com. We make it convenient for you apply or renew online!

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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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The 7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 17th, 2018, at the LeClaire Fire Station. The large crowd in attendance enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings prepared and served by local volunteers and donated by local businesses. The Annual Dinner is for LeClaire residents and any military members away from home. Many brought dishes to share and gathered for the bountiful meal and to give thanks!



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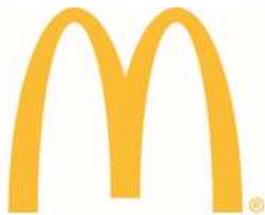
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CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE AND 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The annual celebration of Christmas in LeClaire was held December 7-9, 2018. Santa made his usual appearance, as did the Grinch and Strolling Santas from all over the world. Crafts, baked goods, demonstrations, silent auctions, free trolley rides, and the great merchandise, food and more from our local businesses and restaurants were enjoyed by the many holiday visitors and shoppers. The 3rd Annual Christmas in LeClaire Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/Walk was held on December 8th. The 3.1 Mile family-friendly run or walk was enjoyed by walkers, runners, pets on leashes and children in strollers. An After-Race Party was held immediately following the race. All LeClaire businesses were invited to decorate for the Holidays. Many did, and they looked Awesome! Those that decorated were judged on Small Business Saturday, November 24th. Sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce, the winners were awarded LeClaire Chamber Bucks as prizes - \$100/first, \$70/second, \$30/third. And, the winners were: **First Place: Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium.** **Second Place: Bamboo Baby Boutique.** **Third Place: Mother Hubbard's Cupboard/BP Gas.** Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who decorated, showing your LeClaire Holiday and Christmas Spirit!



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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!

We would like to Wish all the Mothers.

Happy Mothers Day

Don't forget the mothers in your life.

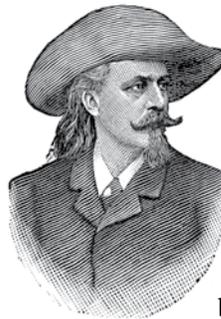
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BUFFALO BILL BIRTHDAY PARTY



Buffalo Bill's birthday was celebrated at the Buffalo Bill Museum, noon - 4pm on February 24th. Admission was free for this event celebrating the one of America's greatest legends and LeClaire native son, William "Buffalo Bill" Cody! Buffalo Bill was born February 26th 1846 in Scott County, Iowa. He was a Pony Express Rider and a civil war hero before starring in own Wild West Show and becoming the superstar of his era! There were also lots of children's activities and treats.

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