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LeClaire is Among the Top 15 "America's Coolest Small Towns - 2013" following the first round of voting last fall in the Budget Travel on-line contest, and we can be chosen as the COOLEST!!!! To Vote Daily, go to: <http://www.budgettravel.com/contest/americas-coolest-sm-all-towns-2013>,14/ or to the website for Budget Travel. LeClaire IS the Coolest, and We Can Win!! Tell everyone you know everywhere to vote for LeClaire!!!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!

Arndt Chiropractic Center, Inc. – Dr. Lisa Arndt, 3359 Middle Road - Ste. 1, Bettendorf, IA 52722. www.arndtchiropractic.com Dr. Arndt is a National Board Certified Chiropractor and Registered Nurse, proud of providing “Gentle” chiropractic care for the QC community. Accepting new patients! 563-332-2211

Operation American Made – Darrin Lampman, CEO, PO Box 28, LeClaire, IA 52753. 563-729-1022. www.operation-american-made.com Online auction of American made products, benefiting local vendors.

Conceptual Designs – Michelle Blunk, Owner, 2117 State Street – Ste. 110, Bettendorf, IA 52722. 563-823-6123 www.conceptualdesignsinc.com Conceptual Designs is a full service

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design firm that specializes in commercial interior design and interior architecture, professionally licensed in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. We excel in providing unique solutions for not only commercial interiors, but offices, retail spaces and healthcare facilities as well.

It is time again to join or to renew your membership with the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce! Please see the attached form to complete and return with your payment. Thank you for your current and past membership, and certainly let us know if you have any questions in regard to your membership or about the Chamber in general. Let's have a Great 2013! After all – "It is all there....In LeClaire!"

CALENDAR

February 1st – First Friday - Downtown LeClaire – 5-8 p.m. Mississippi River Distilling Company will be releasing new seasonal, "Dry Dock Sorghum"!! Yum!! Get your free Valentines Day glass with any bottle of spirits purchased while they last! Spirited Chef Stephanie's food samples and recipes will be available! www.mrdistilling.com

Get started on Valentine's Day early with wine samples at Wide River Winery!! Enjoy Gold Medal winning Pursuit of Happiness. Serving dips and delicious chocolate from The Sweet Life paired with our award winning locally made wines. Shop www.wideriverwinery.com

LeClaire Antiques and Appraisals open until 7:00 p.m. Free appraisals.

Karaoke at Sneaky Pete's from 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M., 207 North Cody Road, LeClaire, IA (563) 289-4277

Many other restaurants and shops will be open late!

February 3rd - Family Yoga – Reusable Usables Family Yoga - 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$5 per person or \$15 for up to four people. Taught by yoga Jennifer Vondracek, Executive Director of Yoga.

Family Yoga will be held once a month for families with children ages 2 & up. No experience necessary! For schedule for Women's Full Moon Yoga Circle 2013, or with questions, please

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contact jenniferv@yogag.org or 563-289-3946 Reservations are appreciated but not required, via facebook or email. Cost: \$8 Donation. Class held at Reusable Usables Creative Arts Center Studio 122, 328 N Cody/LeClaire, IA 52753 www.reusableusables.org

February 8th – Reusable Usables NEW Freezer Meal Workshop 6:30 PM. Let's get together and make enough meals to fill our freezers! Bring your bags filled with designated "protein" and other groceries. Go home with 10 meals, each feeding a family of 4-6, ready to freeze - just thaw, cook and enjoy! \$73 (includes all Wildtree products, recipes and shipping). Contact Kate Ramsdell ramsdellgirls@yahoo.com • www.mywildtree.com/katewildtree/ (This is an "Adults Only" event.)

February 9th - Trivia Night - LeClaire Civic Center benefiting the Coe Noack Memorial Scholarship. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with trivia starting at 7 p.m. Participants may bring beer, wine, snacks and soda. Water and snacks will also be for sale. Up to eight people per table. \$10 per person with a \$50 table minimum. Everyone will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. Contact Chris at chris@ccx.net or 563-505-6703 for reservations or information. Don't have enough for a full table? Come anyway and we can put you on a table that needs people!

February 12th - Chamber Network Lunch - Location TBD!

February 14th - Valentine's Day at Crane and Pelican - 3 Course Dinner - \$45 per person (\$90 per couple) Details and Menu at www.craneandpelican.com

February 14th – Valentine's Day at The Faithful Pilot - 2 seatings - 5:30 and 8:00p.m. \$75 per person, 5 courses. 563.289.4156 www.faithfulpilot.com

February 24th - The Buffalo Bill Museum will Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday! 12 noon to 4 p.m. (closing). A party with refreshments, free admission, and a "Buffalo Bill & Annie Oakley Look-Alike Contest" for children (Judging at 2pm). Bring your camera and have your photo taken with William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Annie Oakley! (And, have you seen the expanded Buffalo Bill exhibit yet?!) Hope to see everyone there! www.buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com

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February 25th – Chamber Economic Development Meeting 8:00 a.m. Great River Financial, LeClaire.

Save the Date

March 1st – First Friday in LeClaire!

FYI

Please note – the Chamber has a new email address - leclairechamber@gmail.com

The LeClaire Information Center is seeking volunteers to serve as “Ambassadors” introducing visitors to the attractions, shops, neighborhoods, and business opportunities in LeClaire. Training is provided; schedules are flexible. If you want to share the excitement of LeClaire, please consider this opportunity to serve your community. Call 563-289-4242 (ext 1135) or email Cindy Bruhn, Tourism Manager, at Info@VisitLeClaire.com If you would like to share information about events, promotions, news, etc., with Tourism, please send an email to info@visitleclaire.com.

Your information will be shared with Shopkeepers, the Chamber and the Tourism Board and will be promoted on Facebook and in monthly emails.

The Buffalo Bill Museum is participating in Younkers’ annual “Community Day” fundraiser of \$5 coupon books valid March 1-2, 2013 at Younkers and affiliated stores on March 1-2, 2013. The booklets contain a \$10 discount on an item priced at \$10 or more; a tiered shopping pass for 20%-15%-10% off an item; a 30% “early bird coupon’ valid 7-10am, Saturday only; and 13 other merchandise coupons. Every \$5 purchase directly benefits the museum. It can be purchased

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at the museum, from one of its board members, or on-line through a link posted on the museum's Face Book page (Buffalo Bill Museum LeClaire). Online purchases will be mailed without an additional charge! Because it is valid at the many stores affiliated with Younkers (Bon.Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's Elder-Beerman, Herberger's) it can be purchased for family and friends anywhere in the United States!

Reusable Usables Women's Full Moon Yoga Circle 2013 For schedule or with questions, please contact jenniferv@yogag.org or call 563-289-3946. Reservations are appreciated but not required via facebook or email. Cost: \$8 Donation. Classes held at Reusable Usables Creative Arts Center Studio 122, 328 N Cody/LeClaire, IA 52753 www.reusableusables.org

Reusable Usables Planet Green After School Classes Planet Green After School Program for ages 5-12. Learn creative and fun ways to respect our planet with hands on eco-friendly art and educational activities based on the Iowa DNR Planet Patrol Series. Thanks to grant funding from Iowa DNR. Ask about our sibling discounts. Pre-register in advance by calling 563-289-3936 or at www.reusableusables.org Planet Green class options and fees: Option #1: Class two times per week - TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 4:00-5:30 PM \$36 per student per month Option #2: Class one time per week - TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS 4:00-5:30 PM \$25 per student per month.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

\$1,000 Ascentra Credit Union Scholarship Competition is Underway; Ascentra Credit Union is encouraging the youth in our community to further their education by providing two \$1,000.000 scholarships each year. Entrants must have an account established in his or her own name at Ascentra. One scholarship is for high school students planning to enter college. The other scholarship is for members age 19 or over, considered non-traditional-aged or continuing education students. The scholarship entrants will be judged on a 500 word essay on the topic, "With college tuition costs dramatically increasing year after year, besides scholarships, what are some ways that students can help offset the costs of higher education?" All entries are judged on their essay, resume, awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer services and work experience. Applications can be picked up at any of our branches or printed off of our website at www.ascentra.org. The link to the form can be found on our Community Involvement section of our News/Events/Promotions page. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2013. Awarding a total of

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\$2,000 in scholarships is another way Ascentra Credit Union recognizes that financial planning and education is essential to lifetime success for our members and community. "Listening, caring, doing what's right" are words the credit union follows every day.

Meals for Seniors at the First Presbyterian Church, LeClaire every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 noon. Good food and a time to visit with others. Please call 563-289-3646 and make a reservation 2 days in advance.

2013 Trivia Nights in LeClaire at the LeClaire Civic Centers:

February 9th - Coe Noack Memorial Scholarship

March 9th – Hosted by First Presbyterian Church - Hurricane Sandy Victims

April 6th - LeClaire Little League

May 4th - LeClaire Lions

June 8th - Buffalo Bill Museum

LeClaire Trivia Nights have raised over \$95,000 for local non-profit organizations! Thank you for your continued support!

LeClaire Park Board Special Events Calendar

Spring 2013 - Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt (Hollyhock Park)

Spring 2013 – Cinco de Mayo

May 18, 2013 -French Market Days - Plant exchange, sale benefiting Parks Dept.

Summer 2013 - City-Wide Water Explosion (Hollyhock Park)

Summer 2013 - Bike Parade & Decorating

August 9-11, 2013 – Tug Fest

October 13, 2013 – Apple Fest

www.LeClaireChamber.com and visit the Chamber on FaceBook!