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Updated Chamber 2013 Networking Events – Everyone welcome to attend!

September 10 – Great River Financial Services - After hours - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 10 - Steventon's - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Join us on the deck!

November – Faithful Pilot – date and time tbd

December 10 - Hungry Hobo - lunch – noon

HAVE YOU SEEN THE QC TIMES READER'S CHOICE AWARDS FOR 2013?! *Once again, LeClaire and our businesses are Winners!*

Best Place to take out of town Guests – LeClaire!

These businesses won their category:

Best Gift Shop - Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium

Best Place for a kid's Birthday Party - Happy Joe's

Runners-up in their category:

Best Pizza - Happy Joe's

Best Rueben - Bier Stube

Best Brewery - Mississippi River Distilling Company

These businesses were all Honorable Mentions in their category;

Best Chocolate - Grasshoppers

Best Fine Dining - Faithful Pilot and Steventon's

Best Locally Owned Restaurant and Best Meal - Crane and Pelican

Best Margaritas - Blue Iguana

Best Take-out - Hungry Hobo

Best live music - Wide River Winery

Best Summer Festival - TugFest

Best Accessories/Shoe Store - Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium

Best Home Furnishing - Dwellings

Best New Car Dealership - Dahl Ford

Congratulations to all, and Thank You for making LeClaire a WINNER!!

CALENDAR

August 30th - Live Music at Wide River Winery 5-8pm featuring Mississippi River Distilling Company's "Ryan Burchett and the Moonshiners"! 106 N. Cody Road
www.wideriverwinery.com

September 1st - Live Music at Wide River Winery 2-5pm featuring Tim Stop - 106 N. Cody Road
www.wideriverwinery.com

September 6th – First Friday in LeClaire! 5-8 p.m.

Mississippi River Distilling Company – Signature cocktails and spirited food items! Limited release, first of the 'Still Crazy' series, Mono Loco banana flavored whiskey!

Wide

River

Winery –

Featured wine and

Live Music by 'The Old 57's' - 5-8pm

Aunt Hatties

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– Come in for a red velvet cupcake!

Razzleberries – Booze cake while it lasts!

LeClaire Antiques and Appraisals - 'First Friday's Free Appraisals' 5-7 p.m.

Restaurants and many other shops open late!

September 6th-22nd - The 2nd Annual East West Riverfest A 17-day celebration of the arts, culture and heritage offerings that thrive in the Quad Cities and along the Mississippi River. Over 380 events will take place at various theaters, music venues, galleries, historic sites, parks, libraries, and attractions on both sides of the river in the Quad Cities. Enjoy visual, literary and performing arts. Celebrate with world-class festivals and events. Visit exhibits, take a tour, ride on a riverboat, attend lectures, and participate in workshops. The entire East West Riverfest Event Guide can be viewed online at

eastwestriverfest.com

, or a printed guide is available at the

LeClaire Information Center,

122. N. Cody Road, or can be requested through the website to be sent by mail or by calling the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau at

[800-747-7800](tel:800-747-7800)

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September 10th - Chamber After Hours Networking Event Great River Financial – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

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September 12th – Workshop - Straight Talk with Liz Ann Sonders 3:00pm. Eric Johannes, Charles Schwab, 5345 Elmore Ave #300, Davenport, IA 52807. Please RSVP [563-275-3659](tel:563-275-3659)

September 13th - Live Music at Wide River Winery 5-8pm featuring Danika Holmes -106 N. Cody Road www.wideriverwinery.com

September 14th - Silver Creek Order of the Eastern Star Swiss Steak Dinner Serving 4-7 p.m. SWISS STEAK DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE Adults - \$7.00 Children 3-12 - \$3.50 Serving at the Masonic Center dining room at 113 S. Cody Rd., LeClaire. Everyone is welcome!

September 19th - LeClaire Information Center Celebrates One Year of Operation! Join us for our Open House & Volunteer Recognition!

Since our Grand Opening on August 3rd

2012, the LeClaire Information Center has welcomed over 17,500 guests, including tourists, local residents, potential business owners and has provided information about local attractions, businesses, business opportunities, and other points of interest. Operated by the LeClaire Office of Tourism and located at 122. N. Cody Road, the Center is open Mon-Sat 10-4 and Sun noon-4. On Thursday, September 19th

from 4-6pm, the public is invited to an Open House celebrating our “First Anniversary.” The event will include light refreshments and the opportunity to discover what the LIC offers residents and tourists. The festivities will conclude with a short program honoring our

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volunteers.

We are always looking for additional volunteers!

Plus, Pleasant Valley High School students (accompanied by a parent) can apply their volunteer hours to the school's "service learning" requirement for graduation. Training (for students and adults) only takes about an hour and volunteers are able to schedule hours through online scheduling software. Please contact Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager, at

info@visitleclaire.com

or

[563-650-7963](tel:563-650-7963)

, or the LIC at

[563-289-4242](tel:563-289-4242), ext. 1135

, if you are interested in volunteering or for more information.

September 20th - Live Music at Wide River Winery 5-8pm featuring 'Pieces of Candy' - 106 N. Cody Road www.wideriverwinery.com

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Olathea Golf Course - 9 am. \$60 dollars per person, 4 person best ball. Food, prizes, and supporting a great Cause. Please Call Olathea to sign up @ 563-289-(golf) 4653

September 21st - Twilight Riverboat Dinner Cruise Sponsored by LeClaire Chamber of Commerce - Grandma Swain's Roast Beef Dinner - \$40 per person - Cash Bar - Board at 4:30pm - Cruise from 5-8pm - Tickets available at First Central State Bank, Aunt Hattie's, Vern Spring, or Dayle Hall - [563-340-0862](tel:563-340-0862) .
Purchase tickets by September 12!

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September 25th – Workshop - Reassessing Risk in Your Portfolio 12:00pm. Eric Johannes, Charles Schwab, 5345 Elmore Ave #300, Davenport, IA 52807. Please RSVP
[563-275-3659](tel:563-275-3659)

September 27th - Live Music at Wide River Winery 5-8pm featuring 'Patchy Fog' - 106 N. Cody Road
www.wideriverwinery.com

Save the Date

October 13th - LeClaire Lions Club presents "Apple Fest on the River" 11:00am-4:00pm.
For vendor sign up and more information, email:
boehlb@hotmail.com
or call Bonnie,
[563-340-6332](tel:563-340-6332)

October 15th - Asbury United Methodist Church is hosting a "Partnering to EmPOWER" fundraising event for Winnie's Place. ALL booth fees will go to Winnie's Place. Vendors will also

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agree to donate 9% of their sales to Winnies Place, which corresponds to the statistic that every 9 seconds, a woman is abused. Interested vendors are asked to contact Heidi Lubben at jlubben@aol.com for more details.

October 16th – Buffalo Bill Museum and River Pilot’s Pier – Fundraiser Dinner Crane and Pelican Café, 127 S. 2

nd
St., LeClaire. 5-6 pm Social Hour, 6:15 pm 3-course dinner. \$40 per person. Ghost story told with each course!

Reservations must be made by October 11.

Call

[563-289-5580](tel:563-289-5580)

for reservations and more information. Feel free to wear Civil War era period attire!

October 29th - Friends of the Library to Host LeClaire City Office Candidates Forum. All City Council and Mayoral candidates for election in the November 2013 municipal elections for the City of LeClaire are invited to participate in a public forum hosted by the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library on Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 7:00 P.M. sharp. Due to space constraints, the forum will be at the LeClaire Fire Station located at 201 N. 15th Street (corner of Jones and 15th). This is an educational service to which the public and press are invited. As in past years, questions may be submitted by any resident of the city of LeClaire (including candidates) by placing the written questions in a secured box at circulation desk of the LeClaire Community Library. There is no limit on the number of questions an individual may submit and questions may be submitted anonymously. One week prior to the Forum, all questions submitted will be delivered to the moderators, who will group duplicates and select the questions to be asked during the forum. Questions will be asked of candidates in rotating order, with response times for each question determined by the moderators. This year’s moderators are Ann Hutchinson, former mayor of Bettendorf, and Linda Miller, Iowa House of Representatives, also of Bettendorf. Candidates who have not already done so are asked to respond indicating

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whether they will participate to Jillian Flahaven, Interim Director of the LeClaire Community Library, by October 27, 2013 by calling [563-289-4242 x 4](tel:563-289-4242) or via email at: jflahaven@leclaireio.wa.gov Attendees are encouraged to arrive at the fire station by 6:45 as the program will begin promptly at 7:00. Refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the LeClaire Community Library, will be served.

FYI

A woman called from Minnesota to buy \$200 worth of **Chamber Bucks** to give her new daughter -in-law for a wedding present. The daughter-in-law loves The Pickers and is coming to LeClaire to see them. The mother-in-law wanted her to have something to spend in LeClaire, so she thought of Chamber Bucks. What a great idea!

The LeClaire Chamber Website and our Facebook page are currently being updated and revised. Watch for the new website to be up and running soon, visit us again soon on Facebook, and in the meantime, thank you for your patience! ☐

Buffalo Bill Museum is open until 5pm daily. Hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays 12noon to 5pm. A reminder: group discounts are available for tour groups, clubs/reunions, and school groups. Call the museum at [563-289-5580](tel:563-289-5580) for details!

“LIKE” the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce on FaceBook Visit the chamber’s Face Book page and discover a great source of news, business announcements, events, and other

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information that is updated frequently. It's a useful source of updated information for all members and non-members!

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Primitive Cottage is collecting food for the Princeton Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry which is in great need of food donations. They have helped alot of people, and now they need our help. Donations can be dropped off at Primitive Cottage in LeClaire. Please check the expiration date on items because anything that has expired can't be given away.

Meet and greet Pastor Melody any Wednesday from 1-3 pm at Happy Joe's. Pastor Melody from **First Presbyterian Church of LeClaire**, will be at Happy Joe's in LeClaire, every Wednesday, from 1-3 pm, sipping on a soda, reading and waiting to visit with you and your friends. Stop by and say hi. Or, if you have a prayer request or a question, just let her know. Meals for Seniors at the church every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 noon. Good food and a time to visit with others. Please call [563-289-3646](tel:563-289-3646) and make a reservation 2 days in

advance.

LeClaire 2013 Events Calendar:

First Fridays each month 5:00-8:00 P.M.

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October 6th - Dogtoberfest at Bier Stube

October 13th – AppleFest – vendors sign up now – see info above!

October 24th - HalloWine

October 26th - Witches Walk Costume Contest and Parade

December 6-8 - Christmas in LeClaire

Family Nights at the LeClaire Rec Center: Details at www.leclairereccenter.com

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