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***Deadline May 15!***

**CALENDAR**

**May 3rd - First Friday, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Downtown LeClaire.**

Food and Beverage Samples at **Mississippi River Distilling Company** [www.mrdistilling.com](http://www.mrdistilling.com)  
5:30-8:00 p.m. On the eve of the Kentucky Derby, the gang at Mississippi River Distilling Company will be preparing Derby themed cocktails and appetizers for the May First Friday, May 3, 5:30-8 p.m. In the bar a Cody Road Whiskey infused mint julep will be served along with Baron Beer Garitas. Chef Steph is also honoring the Derby with Derby Day Bourbon BBQ Sauce served over rib tips and Dry Dock "Sorghrum" Coconut Cookie Bars. As a First Friday bonus, you'll receive a free rocks glass with each bottle of spirits purchased.

**Wide River Winery** [www.wideriverwinery.com](http://www.wideriverwinery.com) Kentucky Derby theme-hat parade, samples of wine mint juleps paired with appetizers from **Crane & Pelican**

**Aunt Hatties** will have red velvet cupcakes!

Free appraisals at **LeClaire Antiques and Appraisals** until 7 p.m.

**Restaurants and several other shops will be open late, too!**

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**May 3rd – Expressions in Threads – “Civil War Quilts Lecture and Luncheon with Becki Wright”.** Becky Wright of Mount Pleasant, IA, quilter, designer, owner of Orphans of War patterns. Her love of the Civil War Era has led her to research and share her knowledge of this time in our country's history. She will give 2 lectures, the first starting at 11 am on Friday May 3rd at the Holiday Inn, LeClaire, Ia. Her first lecture is "The Importance of Civil War Quilts and Textiles". Starting with the facts of the history of textiles and sewing in the 1800's, she leads the audience to the beginning of the Civil War, how the textile industry was affected and the role it played in the war. At noon, lunch will be served by Big Dave and Holly's of LeClaire. After lunch, we will resume with the second lecture, "Christain Staffinger: A Soldier and His Quilts." This lecture tells the story of a young soldier who went to war and the quilts in his life. Lecture and Lunch- \$45; [www.expressionsinthreads.com](http://www.expressionsinthreads.com) Seating is limited, so don't delay. Call the shop or send a a check to insure your spot.

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**May 4th – Expressions in Threads Workshop – “Hardtack & Coffee”** Becky Wright, quilter, designer, and owner of Orphans of War patterns, will present a workshop titled "Hardtack and Coffee" using her pattern by the same name. The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn in LeClaire, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$50 cost includes the pattern. Kits will also be available from Expressions in Threads. Seating is limited, so don't delay. Call the shop or send a a check to insure your spot.

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**May 4th - Trivia Night at the LeClaire Civic Center** benefiting the LeClaire Lions Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with trivia starting at 7 p.m. Participants may bring beer, wine, snacks and soda.

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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](mailto:chris@ccx.net)

or  
[563-505-6703](tel: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!

**May 5th - Cinco de Mayo in LeClaire** Samples of "Wine-A-Ritas" at Wide River Winery's Tasting Room, 106 N. Cody Road [www.wideriverwinery.com](http://www.wideriverwinery.com)

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Silver Creek O.E.S. Annual Spring Country Breakfast** Masonic Center - 113 S. Cody Rd., LeClaire. Serving from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast includes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee, milk. Donation of \$7.00 for adults - \$3.00 for children 3-10 yrs. of age. Under 3 free. Sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star.

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day Brunch at the Bier Stube.** 1001 Canal Shore Dr., LeClaire. Seating's begin on the hour. Price \$13.99 for buffet or \$19.99 per person with unlimited Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. [563-289-2121](tel:563-289-2121)

**May 12th – The Blackwatch Room Mother’s Day Brunch** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chef Beau will be offering a huge Holiday Brunch including his famous creme brulee french toast and personalized omelettes. Pork Tenderloin with cornbread stuffing, chopped salad and our homemade desserts and danishes plus much more. Brunch is \$21.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under ten. First seating is at 9:00 a.m. Please make your reservations early as seating is very limited and fills up quickly. Please call Kelle at [563-332-5072](tel:563-332-5072) or email [kelle@theblackwatchroom.com](mailto:kelle@theblackwatchroom.com)

**May 14th – Chamber Networking Event - Great River Financial** – after hours gathering - 5-7 p.m.

**May 17th-18<sup>th</sup> - French Market Days, 10:00am - 4:00pm** LeClaire Passport Collecting - Pick up a LeClaire Passport from participating stores and the LeClaire Information Center. Each store will offer a different French stamp. A completed passport will qualify for one entry for a free drawing at the LeClaire Information Center (122 North Cody Road). Shoppers can collect stamps May 17th and 18th only. Other activities include a Jewelry Making Class, Wine Garden Event, Terrarium Class, Afternoon Tea, Glass Garden Crafts, Fashion Plate Pet Contest, Rue de Marche - Vendors on the Alley - furniture, crafters, antiques, Tour de LeClaire - Big Wheel races, Special Exhibit about Antoine LeClaire at the Buffalo Bill Museum, Parasol Art Contest, Plant Exchange, Library Book Sale, Build the Eiffel Tower and Market Bag Classes at Reusable Usables Creative Arts Center, and much more! \*Activities subject to Change.

**May 20th - Economic Development Meeting – Great River Financial** – 8 a.m.

## **Save the Date**

**June 16th - Asbury Methodist Church "WORSHIP IN THE PARK" and Potluck Service 10:30 a.m.** It will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, 1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf. More details will be available soon.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – THE LeCLAIRE GIRLS' GET AWAY WEEKEND!** On the evening of Friday, June 21, and all day Saturday, June 22, 2013, TUGFEST hosts the Girls's Getaway Weekend in LeClaire, Iowa! Sign up today for this amazing event featuring give aways, coupons, music, games and delicious food. MEET Anthony Ryan Auld the Winner of this year's "Project Runway All Stars" at the Girls Get Away Fashion Show & Cocktail Party on Saturday evening. No other contestant has had more wins beating the best designers in a single season of the show. Anthony Ryan will be speaking about his journey to becoming a top fashion designer and winning Project Runway All Stars. KWQC's anchor and on-air reporter Bailey Deitz will be the mistress of ceremonies for this special event. The LeClaire Girls' Get Away will start on Friday evening, June 21, at the Wide River Winery, where you will taste award-winning wines and pick up your GIRLS GET AWAY passport to LeClaire with your goody bags.

On Saturday, June 22, LECLAIRE GIRLS GET AWAY events include:

\* Grasshoppers will host music and wine tasting on their beautiful lawn.

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- \* Win Prizes every hour on the hour at Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium.
  
- \* Dwellings will be hosting Margarita Man.
  
- \* Zaruba's will host mini make overs.
  
- \* Free Tours at the Mississippi River Distilling Company.
  
- \* Expert Tammy Allen will teach a FREE Class in "Punch Needle" at Primitive Cottage.
  
- \* The Buffalo Bill Museum will offer a Quilt Making Class.

Cost to participate in the LeClaire Girls Get Away are \$65 per person. Go to [Leclairegirlgetaway.com](http://Leclairegirlgetaway.com)

**July 1<sup>st</sup> - Friends of the LeClaire Community Library is planning an Open House** to celebrate our 9th anniversary! Details are forthcoming!

**FYI**

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**Please volunteer or help recruit volunteers for the LeClaire Information Center!** We get a lot of great comments about the LIC, and we help promote all of LeClaire:

1. Through telling visitors about our great attractions, shops, restaurants, parks, schools, housing developments, etc.,
2. By mailing out information to individuals, small groups and bus tours who want to come find out what LeClaire is all about, and
3. Through providing nice, convenient public restrooms to shoppers, diners, people checking out our attractions, families, LeClaire residents who are just out for a walk - everyone appreciates the restrooms!

Almost everyone knows at least one person who loves to talk and meet new people - a retired neighbor or stay-at-home mom, a relative, a friend, a person from church, a person from your civic club, a person from exercise class... Please contact Cindy at

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

or

[info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com)

Volunteers are trained and there is lots of brochures and information to share with visitors.

Let's make downtown LeClaire and the LeClaire Information Center the best it can possibly be!

**Wide River Winery now open in their new location!** On March 27, we opened the new tasting room in LeClaire, IA. After months of construction and renovation, the new room is transformed. We are located at 106 N. Cody Rd. (Hwy 67), a few blocks from Antique Archaeology, home of the American Pickers. Thank you to all of our neighbors and friends in LeClaire and to all of our loyal customers for the warm reception and continued support. Coming soon, the new wine garden. Whatever the occasion Wide River Winery is the perfect place to enjoy your special day. Bridal showers, birthday parties, graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day - everybody has fun at the winery! Contact Martha O'Brien for details  
[widerivermartha@gmail.com](mailto:widerivermartha@gmail.com)



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**Buffalo Bill Museum** is now open until 5pm daily. As of April 1st, the museum is open 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 information that is updated frequently. It’s a useful source of updated information for all members and non-members!

**Chamber 2013 Networking Events – Everyone welcome to attend!**

May 14 - Great River Financial – after hours – 5-7 p.m.

June 6 - Black Watch Room - after hours - 5-8pm (1st Thursday)

July 9 - Blue Iguana - Lunch -noon

August 13 - Big Dave and Holly's - lunch -noon

September 10 - Steventon's - after hours - 5-8pm

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October 8 - Hungry Hobo - lunch - noon

November 12 - Faithful Pilot - after hours -5-8pm

December 10 - Happy Joes - lunch -noon

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

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 [63-289-3646](tel:63-289-3646) <sup>5</sup> and make a reservation 2 days in advance.

### Trivia Nights in LeClaire at the LeClaire Civic Center -

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May 4 - LeClaire Lions

June 8 - Buffalo Bill Museum

July 13 - Hosted by First Presbyterian Church - Hurricane Sandy Victims

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

### **LeClaire 2013 Events Calendar:**

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

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

May 17th-18th French Market Days

June 7th-8th LeClaire City-Wide Garage Sales

June 21st-22nd – Girls' Getaway Weekend

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

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Summer 2013 - Bike Parade & Decorating

August 8th-10th Tugfest

October 6th - Dogtoberfest at Bier Stube

October 13th - AppleFest

October 24th - HalloWine

October 26th - Witches Walk Costume Contest and Parade

December 6-8, 2013: Christmas in LeClaire

Family Nights at the LeClaire Rec Center: Details at [www.leclairereccenter.com](http://www.leclairereccenter.com)

[www.LeClaireChamber.com](http://www.LeClaireChamber.com) and visit the Chamber on FaceBook!

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