

# "BITS and PIECES"



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325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

**DECEMBER 2016**

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## MAYOR

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ryan Salvador** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

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## LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 2-3, 5:30-8pm: First Friday & First Saturday in downtown LeClaire. Sat., Dec. 3, 10am: NEW - Christmas in LeClaire Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run/Walk. Starting line is at Blackhawk Bank & Trust (2nd St. & Davenport St.) 3.1 Mile family-friendly run or walk; pets on a leash and strollers are welcome. Packet Pick-Up is Friday, December 2 from 5pm-8pm at Snap Fitness in LeClaire. After-Race Party will immediately follow the race. Questions: Contact Race Directors: Lori McFate [563-940-7679](tel:563-940-7679) / [lamcf8@msn.com](mailto:lamcf8@msn.com) or Anna Broders [563-528-0152](tel:563-528-0152) or [abroders7@gmail.com](mailto:abroders7@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/548886418621815/> Registration is \$30 at Get Me Registered:

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=124909](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=124909) Sat., Dec. 3, 6:30pm: Star Gifts for Kids/Honor Sgt Leevon Ritter Trivia Night at the LeClaire Fire Station, 201 N. 15th St. Doors open at 5:45pm; trivia starts at 6:30pm. 8 people per team, \$10 per person. Door prizes and raffles, all for two GREAT causes. Star Gifts for Kids buys Christmas presents for kids in LeClaire, Princeton, and Pleasant Valley. Honoring Leevon Ritter will help pay for Leevon's family to travel to California to attend the Rose Bowl Parade. Leevon will be honored on the Organ Donor Float. Please contact Barry right away to reserve your table - 563-949-6969. Find details on LeClaire events at: <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html> LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or 563-650-7963 to volunteer. Opening for Retail Representative on the LeClaire Tourism Board. If you are a full-time manager or owner of a LeClaire retail business and are interested in representing all LeClaire retail businesses, please contact City Hall or [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) for an application and return it by 8:30am on December 1, 2016. The Tourism Board also requires that your business be a member of the LeClaire Marketing Alliance (LMA). You need to be able to attend monthly meetings that are held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am and uphold LeClaire Tourism's mission statement: "The purpose of the LeClaire Office of Tourism is to bring visitors and tourism dollars into historic LeClaire while working cooperatively with our businesses, events, and attractions."

## 2017 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2017 went on sale October 1, 2016. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2016, and \$2 if purchased after. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for December (in yellow) are December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Garbage only days in December (in blue) are December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas tree disposal days in December 2016 are the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and in January 2017 are January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Please leave at least three (3) feet between your garbage and recycling totes when you put them out on the curb so the automated arms have room to maneuver.

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!

(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

"BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION ... BY PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION!"



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

"EMERGENCY CONTACT"

We want to remind everyone that the city's PWD can be reached 24/7/365 by dialing 289-4242 and pressing 3 & 1500. This will put you directly into the PWD emergency contact voice mail box where you can leave a message which will be automatically relayed to City personnel.

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Library Closing Reminder:** The Library will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The library will also be closed December 31<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Dropbox full? Email us and we'll extend your checkout!:** Need to return a book or DVD after hours and the dropbox is too full? Don't try and jam it in, just send us an email at [library@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:library@leclaireiowa.gov) and we'll happily extend your checkout/waive late fees. **Adopt-A-Shelf:** Want to volunteer at the library, but never

feel like you have the time? Try our Adopt-a-Shelf program! Participants can choose a section of the library they'd like to maintain and come in on their own time to make sure it looks neat and is shelved correctly! It's easy, fast, and it's a huge help to the library staff. Stop by the front desk or email [afry@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:afry@leclaireiowa.gov) for more information. **Winter Reading BINGO-** Stop in and sign up for Winter Reading BINGO! Each BINGO square contains a reading/library activity. Every BINGO will earn you an entry into a grand prize drawing! Cover the entire card for a Blackout BINGO to earn a special prize! Grand prizes will be awarded in every category: Family, Independent Reader, Teen, and Adult. The program runs from December 12<sup>th</sup> - January 28<sup>th</sup>. **Adult Services:**

**Senior Outreach: Off-site Checkout-**The LeClaire Library will be partnering with the Milestones Senior Meal Center to provide off-site item checkout! Checkout will be available the second Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. **Crafting with Jenn: Winter Mason Jar-**Create a Winter Wonderland inside a repurposed mason jar! Class size is limited to 15. Must be 12 years or older. December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am. **Adult Book Club-**This month we'll be reading *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. **YA Services: Do It YA-self Holiday Workshop-**Still looking for the perfect gift or decoration for the holiday season? Make it yourself! Young adults in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to transform everyday items into totally original holiday decorations and gifts at the library. All materials will be provided along with light refreshments. Drop in December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm. **Children's Services: Mystery Movie Party-**Last month you voted for which movie you wanted to watch at the library and now it's time to watch it! Check the library's Facebook page to find out which movie won. This all-ages movie party will have tasty treats and a simple craft. Bring a pillow or a blanket with you to get extra cozy on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm. **Early Release LEGO Club-**School's out early! Let your imagination soar at LEGO Club! This program is best for children aged 7 and up. Find out what new building challenge is waiting for you on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm. **Elf Training Academy-** The Elf Training Academy is

back! This all-ages event will have crafts, activities, treats, and more to help certify you as one of Santa's elves. We

might even have a surprise visitor at the end of the night! Come get your jingle on at the library on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm.

### **BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM**

The Museum is starting its Annual Membership Drive. If you are currently a member, you should receive your renewal letter in the mail next week. If you are not a current member, please let us know and we can send you a letter. Individual annual membership is only \$10, a couple's annual membership is \$15, and an immediate family annual membership is \$20. With your membership you can visit the museum anytime for free and help support the museum so it will be here for future generations. Please join today! Download the membership application at [www.buffalobillmuseumleclair.com](http://www.buffalobillmuseumleclair.com) or call us at 289-5580

### **CIVIC CLUB NEWS**

Come play Trivia with us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month for a different non-profit organization except December. The next one will be January 21<sup>st</sup>. We play Bunco every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. except in December. Only \$2.00 to play. Every Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:30 am we serve a free breakfast. We have free conversation until 11:30 am. Not serving on the Wednesday before Christmas. Come and join us. Everyone welcome! For more information call Debbie, 563-289-4458. The Christmas Party for members is December 10<sup>th</sup> at Brothers in Rapids City, IL at 6pm. Please email [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com) or contact Debbie, [563-289-4458](tel:563-289-4458) if you plan to attend. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please renew your membership for 2017 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more about the club at [www.leclaircivicclub.org](http://www.leclaircivicclub.org).

### **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on these Committees and Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the City's website.

### **WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT**

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that became effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies and snow-route parking restrictions, snow removal from sidewalks, etc. Some of the more important, notable ones are: shoveling of sidewalks is required; dumping snow from private property, driveways, and sidewalks onto the traveled public right-of-way is unlawful; snow route and alternative parking on city streets; and Cody Road snow clean-up procedures, etc. Also, don't forget that, if necessary, a winter emergency can be declared by the Mayor in the case of unusually bad conditions. If anyone has any questions about these ordinances or regulations, please feel free to call the Police Department at any time at 289-4242. We also urge everyone to be extra careful driving during this time of year. Don't forget that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mail boxes on the street. In order to give the City crews a fair chance to "clean-up" the streets after a snowfall or ice storm, please do not call in complaints to City Hall until at least 24 hours after the storm has ended. If we missed an area or have failed to do the job within this time period then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

### **CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE**

Join us for Christmas in LeClaire, December 2, 3, & 4 (Fri. & Sat. (10-8) & Sun.(10-4). This weekend brings many events to our town. Some are old standbys, others are new. Look for all of them as well as great shopping throughout our business district. At the Civic Center there is a bake sale, a craft show, a silent auction, wooden shoe craftsman, Luke & Dev Treavor, a charcoal artist, Danielle Clark, and a book signing by Blake Ross. In the parking lot we have Pat Doyle a chain saw artist and Santa's Gift Shop. (Kids buy Christmas gifts for family members with Christmas in LeClaire dollars), these are given out at Santa's Breakfast at Happy Joe's, by the strolling Santas or at the gift shop. To stock our gift shop we would love to have your gently used, (no longer wanted items). These items could be someone else's treasures. The Strolling Santas not only give out candy and Christmas in LeClaire dollars. Santas are available to have their picture taken with kids, at the Medic building. Anyone who can donate a few hours of time to join the ranks of being a Santa on Saturday and Sunday, please contact us. The Masonic Lodge has their famous Cookie Walk, crafters, and PPALS

Ministry will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with "A Night in Bethlehem" with activities for kids. Kids can get their face painted at Antique Archeology. Foursquare Church has crafters, a

warming station, and family activities. WQAD-TV 8's Selfie Set will be at the Mississippi River Distilling. Artist Colleen Rich will be at the Mississippi Cottage Antiques. A ukulele performance at Razzelberries. So many great things to do. Our newest event is "The Ugly Christmas Sweater" 5K run on Saturday, morning. It is not too late to be a participant: 1. Sign up to run or walk the route – register at [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=124909](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=124909). 2. Sponsor the run. There are several levels to consider. 3. Donate items for the runner's packets. Discount coupons would help bring people in to your business. Items with your name, .etc., would remind them to come back. Just a few ideas. For more information on Christmas in LeClaire call Joyce at (563) 289-4205 or Diane at (563) 370-3509.

### **MILESTONES CAFE'**

If you: a) desire a new social opportunity, b) want nutritious meals at an affordable price, c) are tired of cooking or just want to get out of the house.....join us at the Milestones Cafe', offered three days a week right here in town. It's informal, pleasant, and economical! Details: When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:45AM. Where: First Presbyterian Church, 200 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Cost: 60+ years of age suggested donation \$3.50. Under 60, \$8.50 charged. Try us out! To sign up, call Milestones Area Agency on Aging at 1-855-410-6222. In addition, we deliver meals to homebound seniors. Call the number listed above for information about that program and to register for services.

### **CITY HALL INFORMATION**

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 14, 2016. They can be sent via email to [Bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:Bits@leclaireiowa.gov), or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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FIRE 911  
AMBULANCE 911  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904  
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