

THE CIVIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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LeClaire's Famous 'Green Tree'
is the LeClaire Civic Club's logo.

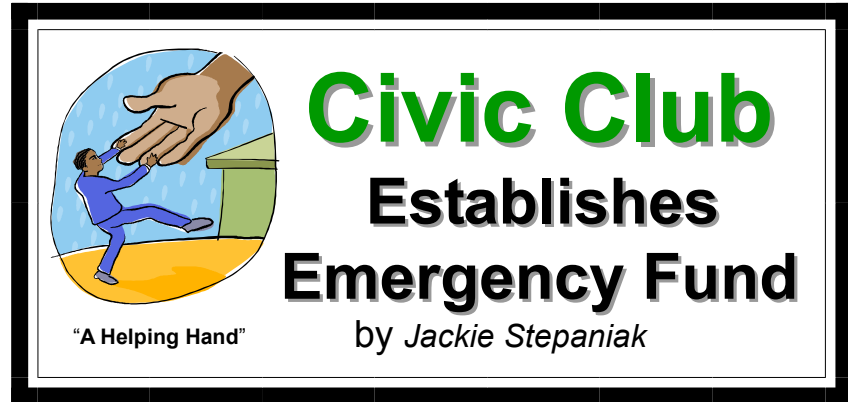
The LeClaire Civic Club was
organized Dec. 12th, 1938.

The Civic Club meets on the
4th Tuesday, each month
with a Pot-Luck Dinner at
6:15 PM & Regular Meeting
at 7 PM in the LeClaire Civic
Center. You are welcome, &
encouraged to attend.

Nov, 2014

OUR 76th YEAR!

Newsletter Editor , Ron Leiby



Recently, the **LeClaire Civic Club's** membership voted to establish an Emergency Assistance Fund for low income residents in the greater LeClaire area whose immediate needs are not fully met through local food banks, clothing closets, or individual churches. It will be organized and implemented through the "**Christmas in LeClaire**" sub-committee of the Civic Club. They will insure that all funds received for the project will directly assist the individual or family in need.

Rather than duplicate the work of other organizations, the "Christmas in LeClaire" committee has established an informal agreement with **PPALS** (a consortium of local churches) and other churches, which will be the "primary" source of referrals, providing initial screening and verification of need and maintaining the confidentiality of the recipient. Their referral sources include the LeClaire Police Department, area schools, and direct requests for assistance.

Does the need exist? The Civic Club thought so, but were overwhelmed by the support we recently received from local businesses when we announced the project during a LeClaire Marketing Alliance meeting.

The November "Trivia Night Games" proceeds which amounted to about \$ 950.00 were designated for this Emergency Assistance Fund.

The Civic Club's regular Financial Audit will include the review of this Fund Account. Our members noted, when we initially considered this project, that it is exactly the sort of thing the Civic Club Mission Statement promotes, as does our non-profit status which states "operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare" with our primary activities "engaged in promoting in some way the common good and general welfare of the community."

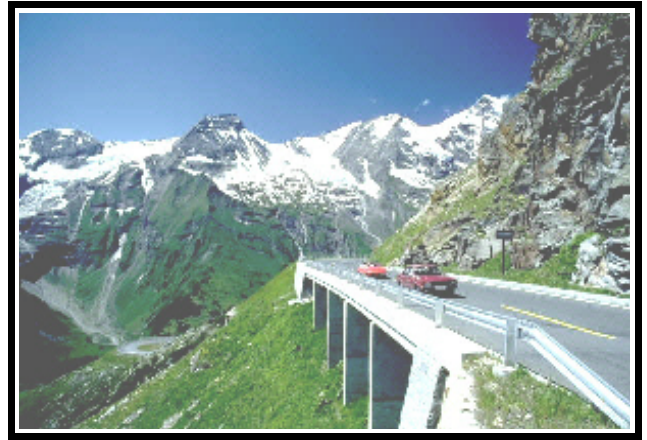
If you wish to make a monetary donation to this Emergency Fund, please make your check payable to "**Christmas in LeClaire,**" adding "Emergency Fund" on the notation line. Mail to: **LeClaire Civic Club, P.O. Box # 562, LeClaire, Ia 52753.**

Questions? Call Joyce Kuehl at 289-4205

AUGUST PROGRAM



AUSTRIA !



At our August General Membership Meeting, A very interesting short program on Austria was presented by **Linda Hatcher**. Her Husband Dwayne works for John Deere. His company sent him to Austria in his capacity as an engineer, and Linda went with him. While he worked, she was able to spend a lot of time experiencing the charm and beauty of that country. He couldn't join her in presenting her program during our meeting because his employer had sent him to Vietnam on another project.

Linda told us that she found the people of Austria to be "tight lipped" and pretty much stuck to their own group of friends and family. Their language is German...but they prefer not to be called Germans. They are Austrians, & proud of it! Their country is considered neutral and there are nine "states" within its borders. Basic things which we take for granted are somewhat different in Austria, such as; Gas is very expensive and sold by the liter. Compared to the U.S., a Gallon would cost about \$6.50 to \$7.00. (Ouch!) As a result, many of them either walk or ride a scooter to save money. Vehicles must be inspected once a year. No "junkers" are allowed on the road. Beer is very cheap and costs less than Pop. The work week is only 38 1/2 hours long. The government provides Health Care for everyone and a Pension when they retire from any work related job. Although the Winter there is about the same as our Winters, it's against the law to not have chains on the tires of your vehicle. Children are taught to ski beginning at about 2-3 years old. All children are taught English along with the German language. There is no speed limit on the Autobahn, which is something like our interstate highway.

Linda told us that during their time there, after a few mishaps and misunderstandings, they learned enough of the language to get by with a basic understanding of some words. Linda had a very interesting display of many items she brought back with her. She also showed us many slides of the country. Some questions were asked involving the exchange of money and the value of certain items. All in all, everyone thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. She was given a round of applause and thanked by all.



AN EXAMPLE OF A MONTHLY PROGRAM. COME TO A REGULAR MEETING & EXPERIENCE ONE FOR YOURSELF!

FREEDOM ROCK



The Freedom Rock Project is almost complete. The Huge Rock has been painted and placed in a very visible location on the LeClaire Levee. The landscaping is being professionally done to enhance the Rock's overall appearance.

There will be special pavers for sale which will allow the buyer

to place three lines of information concerning their veteran of choice, including, as an example, a veteran's Name, Rank, & Dates of Service, on it. They will be placed around the Rock on permanent display. The committee would prefer only Scott County Veteran's names because this Rock represents Scott County. If you are interested, contact **Barry Long at 563-949-6969** or **Tonya Kennedy at 563-650-1739** and they can give you more details on how to reserve one.

LeCLAIRE CIVIC CENTER KITCHEN TO BE RENOVATED



Present Kitchen Cabinets, Counter Tops and Sinks need to be updated.



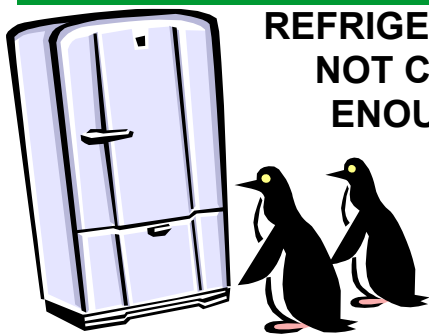
There has been talk for several years about our kitchen needing an update. Well...looks like it's finally going to happen. We're going to do some changes to some of the wall cabinets, get new counter tops all around, change out sinks, possibly install a 3 well sink instead of smaller 2 well one we have now, change out all of the cabinet hardware, and repaint the whole thing when complete. The wall cabinet above old refrigerator was already modified to accommodate new refrigerator. With some low cost labor, some donated labor, contractor prices on some material, and help from our members with the paint, the members voted to allocate up to \$2000 to get it done. It's going to look great! **Tom Morrell, Jeff Dugan**, and others are on top of this. They need your help. 340-2065

RENT A SPACE IN OUR PARKING LOT

We have made note of this in a prior newsletter but it's worth mentioning again. Anyone can rent spaces in the **Civic Center Parking Lot. 10X10 Spaces rent for \$15.00 each day, and 10X20 Spaces rent for \$25.00 each day.** These spaces are only available if the main hall is not rented. Those who rent our building come first, even if they rent the building after you have reserved a space in the parking lot. So...there is a small risk to you. But, we rent the hall about 30% of the year, so that makes the lot available most of the remaining year.

We have rented spaces in the lot many times to local vendors, some within our own club. It's a good location for the vendors and the cost to them is minimal. This policy allows us to still make some extra revenue when our building is not rented. All but the rented space/s would still be available to the public for parking. Everybody wins.

So.... spread the word. Perhaps you have some "Yard Sale" type items you would like to get rid of, or a lot of garden produce you could sell, etc. Give our Booking Agent a call at **639-4621** and reserve a space today. Just remember, Building Rentals come first, and you are on your own when it comes to insurance. Also... No Alcohol for Sale!



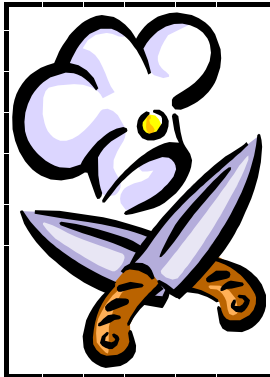
REFRIGERATOR NOT COLD ENOUGH

At the August Meeting, our Treasurer informed us that our kitchen refrigerator is not up to par. She noticed that it was not keeping things cold enough. If it can not be repaired, the members present voted to authorize its replacement with a comparable one.

UPDATE!

It has been replaced!

AT THE MID-TOWN PARKING LOT



KNIVES FOR SALE



CIVIC CLUB BAKE SALE

Recently, during one of our Farmer's Market Events, **Ron & Linda Leiby**, and **Wes & Joyce Kuehl** volunteered to sell Knife Sets and Baked Goods for the Civic Club. They did rather well considering this Farmer's Market took place in the Mid Town Parking Lot up behind the Four Square Church instead of its usual place down on the South end of the levee. But...there were plenty of signs directing the public to the new temporary location and all went well. Thanks to those four for raising funds during one hot day!

NEW EQUIPMENT COMING



During a recent meeting it was voted by the members to add another coffee pot, heavy duty can opener, and a rack or magnetic strip of some kind to hold all of the kitchen knives, etc for easy access. We are always trying to make our experience in the kitchen, as well as our renters experience, easier and more convenient. Everyone should appreciate these improvements.



At a recent Regular Membership Meeting we drew **Bob Haessler's** name out of the hat for the **\$30.00 Progressive Jack Pot.** You have to be present to collect the prize. But, too bad for Bob... he was not present. So the pot increased by another \$5.00 for the next meeting and will keep being increased until the member's name drawn is there to collect. In January of 2015, the pot will start over again at \$5.00. You just never know when your name will be drawn....

UPDATE

At the November Meeting, **Ron Leiby's** number was drawn & he won the \$40 Pot! Later he paid his 2015 Annual Dues with \$15 of it, and took his Wife out to the movies with the rest. It can sure pay to come to our regular meetings. Hope to see you at the next meeting in January where the pot will begin to grow again.

Also... In addition to the Paid Up Member Progressive Pot, somebody attending each meeting will always win \$5, Member or Guest.

**YOUR CHANCES ARE
AS GOOD AS THE
NEXT PERSON!**



RESERVE THE CIVIC CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

RENTAL COST IS
\$ 75 FOR 6 HOURS
\$125 FOR THE WHOLE DAY
\$200 FOR COMMERCIAL USE

(OVER NIGHT RENTAL NEGOTIABLE)

As a Civic Club Member, you can support the Civic Center by using it for family events such as Birthday Parties, Retirement Parties, Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, Family Reunions, Etc.

We now have a 60" TV. in the main hall! Remember, the deposit & rental fee are required up front. If there will be alcohol on premise, you will need a certificate of insurance. If you want our maintenance people to set up tables and chairs for you, there is a \$50 charge. There is also a \$10 charge to use our exterior lighted sign. To Reserve the building, go to our Web Site, leclairecivicclub.org, or call Vicky at 639-4621.



DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate any donations to our club... federal law states we must tell you we are a 501C-4 non-profit. So, be sure to check with your Tax Consultant first.

KEEP THESE PHONE #s HANDY

President (Debbie) Tel. # 289-4458

Treasurer (Joyce) Tel. # 289-4205

To Reserve Hall or Cleaning Problems (Vicky) # 639-4621

For Building Maintenance - (Jeff) # 340-2065



A PERSONAL NOTE FROM OUR 2014 PRESIDENT...

ITS BEEN A VERY BUSY YEAR!



November is over and there is only one month of my presidency left to go. Like everyone asks at this time of the year - Where did the year go? When I look back over this past year, it's hard to believe all that we have accomplished, ...And when I say WE, I mean all of us. Everyone in our club participates in one way or another. It could be by attending some of our regular meetings, or serving on the board, chairing or working on a project, coming to one of our events, maintaining our building, writing an article for our newsletter, or just sending in your dues each year. It all adds to our success.

Its a good feeling belonging to an organization that works for the betterment of our community. In the coming 2015 year, I hope to see everyone at our meetings and our events. For myself, and on behalf of all of the 2014 Board of Directors, I thank each and everyone of you members for another great year. I look forward to next year.

- Debbie Smith



HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS



Over the years we have had many of our members change their telephone numbers and addresses. We're asking any members with changes to call **Joyce Kuehl** at **289- 4205** & give her the update.

Also, we ask all members to provide your Email Address for our records. Contacting you by e-mail saves us time and money. We do not sell or give our membership lists to anyone outside our organization, and if requested by you, we can put notations next to your name in our files to make sure your number is only available on an "as needed" basis.

Please do this as soon as possible.

THANK - YOU !

This newsletter has been reviewed & authorized for distribution, by our President.
All articles & pictures are by Ron Leiby, unless otherwise stated.

WEB SITE - leclairecivicclub.org



15 YEARS
AS EDITOR

If you have some ideas, digital pictures of Civic Club projects or of big LeClaire events for our newsletter, please call our Editor at 289-5259, or E-Mail him at f4phantom31@windstream.net



Made in
LeClaire,
Iowa, USA

FARMER'S MARKET OF LECLAIRE, IOWA



Fruit & Produce Stand Seller surrounded by great looking Peaches!



Patricia Meier of Erie, Illinois was offering **Pat's Glass Garden Art**. It sure would look great in your back yard garden!



Harry B. Cleaveland, was selling **Harry Bee's Pure Honey** by the jar. He's got the good stuff!



And of Course, the **LeClaire Civic Club** was selling high quality kitchen knives that were reasonably priced! Those knives were a hot item! Sitting are **Joyce Kuehl & Debbie Smith**.



Here was a couple of real friendly folks from **Mississippi Distillery** Company of LeClaire providing fruit and other samples while talking up the great alcohol products distilled right on site.



A little bit of everything at this stand including Tomatoes, Sweet Corn, Zucchini Cucumbers, Melons, Pumpkins, and Water Melons, etc. Wow! What an assortment.

The Farmer's Market, which is held on Saturdays from 3 PM - 6 PM, and usually down on the South End of the LeClaire Levee or the LeClaire Civic Center Parking Lot, continues to be very successful. There are quite a variety of goods for sale, including Vegetable Garden Produce of all kinds, Fresh Fruit, Baked Goods, Sausages, Specialty Items, Art Work, Honey, Crafts, etc. Usually something new or different every Saturday. If you have not been there to check out the merchandise... make it a point to do so on one of the coming Saturdays starting in late Spring. The event runs from May till October, or so, weather permitting. Bring your family & friends!

ALL DOWN ON THE LEVEE!



The **Bier Stube** offered samples of their delicious German style sausages while promoting their LeClaire Restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner along with a huge variety of beers, etc.



The Civic Club did not have anything going on during this event, but these autos were so neat, I just wanted to share some of the show with you. Perhaps next year we can do something to raise some funds at the same time because there sure was a big crowd.

WOW!



Our Mayor, **Bob Scannell**, wonders if the Police Dept. would be able to work out of a car like this. It sure would help the budget with gas mileage!



2014 BRITISH AUTO SHOW



WOW! What a display of amazing automobiles. It seemed as if every one of them were dazzling. All different hues of colors, many different years, different types, and many must have cost a fortune. But as one collector told me...."Sure, it's an expensive hobby...but I do love it so."

I walked the levee in the hot sun and must have at least glanced at each and every vehicle. Much more time was devoted to a handful of them and I took many pictures. I could have taken many more. There were a few favorites and I have included pictures of them for you to enjoy.



There were winners in many different classes...and they took home some fancy hardware.

**THANKS TO THE QUAD-CITY BRITISH AUTO CLUB
FOR BRINGING THIS SHOW TO LeCLAIRE!**



2014 TUG-FEST BINGO

LeCLAIRE, IOWA
AUGUST 7 - 9



A Tug Team Gives It Their Best Shot!



Wes Kuehl & Paul Smith
hauling the Bingo Equipment
to the Levee



**Debbie Smith, Linda Leiby, &
Doug Drury** working a shift at
the Civic Club Bingo tables.



Vicki Gleason keeping the
Bingo money and game
numbers straight.

**The
More
Cards
Played,
The
More We
Paid!**

Tug-Fest Week is one of our biggest fund raisers all year long. We all work hard, putting in many 3-4 hour shifts either working Bingo, serving Biscuits and Gravy, or both. Bingo brought in **\$1,419** and our Breakfast brought in **\$774**. It requires a lot of revenue to off set those fixed expenses to keep the Civic Center doors open for another year. A big thanks goes out to all of you that stepped forward to help out. A special thanks is given to the committees for implementing well planned events. Everything went pretty smooth. Now we have funds to pay the bills & cover the costs of a few extra community projects.



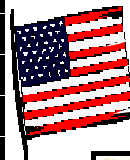
The crowd filled the tables and
sure had a great time all night!



There's always a train to deal with!



Wes Kuehl
calling' them loud
& clear!



**All Veterans and Active Duty Service Men
and Women were honored for their service
and sacrifices made on behalf of our
country, during the 2014 Tug-Fest.**



The Rides & the Midway
were a lot of Fun!



WW I



WW II



SPANISH
AMERICAN



VIETNAM



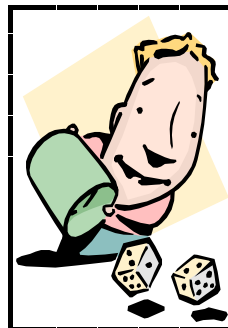
INDIAN- WARS



BOSNIA



LOCAL NON-PROFITS BENEFIT FROM OUR CIVIC CLUB TRIVIA!



CIVIC CLUB **BUNCO** STARTED OUT A LITTLE SLOW THIS FALL

Our monthly Trivia Game Night, previously organized and implemented by **Chris Cournoyer** and her hard working volunteers, continues to be very successful since she turned the operation over to us. We have raised thousands of dollars for our community through this project.

Recently, as a result of our volunteer group's hard work and generosity, another local non-profit organization has benefited from funds raised. In September it was the **LeClaire Library** in an amount of **\$ 872.00**. The October Games which were to benefit the "**Christmas In LeClaire Family Assistance Fund**", were cancelled and rescheduled for November. The November Trivia Games crowd made up for the lack of attendance in October with a many tables filled. \$ 950.00 was raised to aid the Family Emergency Assistance Fund. To top it off at **\$ 1,130.00**, the Civic Club donated an extra \$175. GREAT!

Only a handful of members & guests showed up to play at the first fall Bunco in September. Even though it got off to a slow start, all present enjoyed the event. Refreshments were served.

Our President reported that 12 or so members & guests showed up to play at the October Bunco Games. Unfortunately, the November games were cancelled.

If you want to experience an enjoyable time with friends, neighbors, Civic Club Members, and others that you have not even met yet, come on down and play Bunco. It's easy and fun! You might even win a prize. \$2.00 entry fee. Interested? Call Debbie Smith at 349-4403. Next game is scheduled for the 16th of December at the LeClaire Civic Center at 10:30 AM to about 12:30 PM.

All future games will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless you are notified of a change.

CIVIC CLUB WINTER/ SPRING TRIVIA SCHEDULE

2015

Jan.- 17 - For LeClaire
Civic Center

Feb.- 21 - For Q.C.
Cruisers

Mar.- 21 - For Pioneer
Village

Apr.- 18 - "Hand In
Hand Programs
For Disabled"

May- 16 - For LeClaire
4-H Clovers

**Mark Your Calendars
& Let's Support Them.**

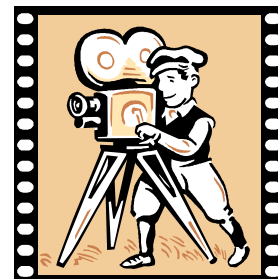
YOU CAN HELP YOUR CLUB BY SIGNING UP A NEW MEMBER!



WANTED

VIDEO HISTORY VOLUNTEERS

by *Jackie Stepaniak*

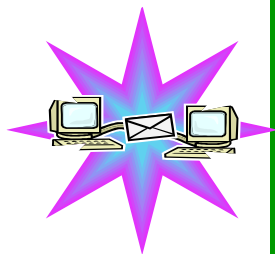


Are you a long-time resident of LeClaire? Or...Do you know of someone who is? Are you interested in LeClaire's history? Do you have a few hours a month to spare? "**LeClaire Remembered**" is one of a number of new projects the **LeClaire Civic Club** has taken on. It's sort of a "Give Back" to our community. We are interviewing long time residents about their recollections of LeClaire as young children through its recent transformation into one of the premier cities in the Quad-Cities.

The Civic Club purchased an easy-to-use camera, and volunteers have prepared a list of questions to guide the interviews which are held at the LeClaire Community Library. At the present time, our problem is a lack of interviewers. Although Judy Hartig has moved to Colorado, she will continue to help until the project is ready for editing. We still have some scheduling problems with some of our interviews and this is where you could help.

One of our volunteer interviewers noted that "at the end of every interview, I'm so glad I did it! There's so much history here, and so many stories I've never heard. It's just a conversation among friends, and someone else is going to edit our laughter and 'don't tell anyone' parts!"

The camera is a "Go Pro" camera and so easy to operate. So... If you have a few hours to donate to a worthwhile community project, please contact **Debbie Smith at 349-4403** and she will contact Judy.



**CIVIC CLUB
NEWSLETTER
ON LINE ACCESS
OPTION CAN
LOWER OUR
COSTS**

We have our own Web Site and we are using it to cut our expenses. Right now, Ron Leiby is the Newsletter Editor, and our President authorizes the final copy before distribution. We will be including our Civic Club Newsletter on our Web Site along with much other information about upcoming events, etc.. It will be a color copy. You will be able to access it by going on line and bringing up our Web Site. This should be an easy thing to do for you computer savvy people.

Of course, if you don't have a computer, or you don't have internet access in your home, or you are not computer savvy, you can always request a hard copy like you are getting now. It will come in the mail but will be in Black & White. There may also be copies available at our regular membership meetings and a hard copy is always available at the LeClaire Library. Remember, you can also use the computers at the library to access our Web Site and read the newsletter on line.

This is just another step in stream lining our club and bringing it into the 21st Century. Our web site address is leclairecivicclub.org.

For future newsletters, if you have not already done so, please let our President know as soon as possible if you will be able to access the newsletter on line, or if you will still be needing a hard copy. Our 2014 President's phone number is **349-4403**, and our new 2015 President's number is . We have been up dating our two lists; Computer On Line Access, or Mailed Hard Copy. If you can, please help us cut our expenses by accessing the newsletter on line. If you have trouble accessing it, and there is nothing wrong with your computer, please call **Chris Cournoyer at 505-6703** and perhaps she will be kind enough to walk you through it for the first time. **THANK-YOU!**

A FEW GOOD QUOTES TO NOTE

No one wants advice -- only corroboration.
- John Steinbeck

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.
- Benjamin Disraeli

This above all, to thine own self be true.
-William Shakespeare

CIVIC CLUB ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD



The Nominations Committee, which consisted of **Debbie Smith, Lori Ewoldt, & Judy Hartig**, placed a full slate of candidates names to the members at large during the November 25 Regular Membership Meeting. The election was a little bumpy with a few surprises. A couple of members who were on the slate decided to remove their names from that slate, and a few other member's names were placed in nomination from the floor for a few positions. There was also a three way tie for one position. After the smoke cleared and all of the basic confusion calmed down, the following were elected.

Elected to a second term as our 2015 President was Debbie Smith who has had a fairly successful year as our 2014 President. The 3 way tie for Vice-President was broke with **Vern Spring** winning that position after one of the other candidates dropped out of the race. We're all positive that Vern will be an asset to the board, just as he has been in the past.

Jackie Stepaniak was elected to a second term on the board as next year's Secretary. She served this year as our Community Affairs Director and performed well in that position. She will be a great addition to our Executive Board as our 2015 Secretary. Once again... and for about the 15th time, Joyce Kuehl was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. She will continue to do a fine job for us, as always.

Elected as Directors were Tom Morrell, (Bldg. Maint.) , and **Terry Applegate** (Community Affairs). They will both be first timers on the board. We wish them luck. Re-Elected as Internal Affairs Director was **Dan Morrell** (Dan will be gone for about 1/2 of the year with Wes Kuehl covering his position during that absence), and **Wes Kuehl** will also serve as Internal Membership Director.

Special Note - Vicky Haynes, Our Booking Agent and last year's Building Management Director on the Board, will be gone for about 1/2 of a year with Darlene Nichols covering for her until she returns.

THIS BOARD WILL NEED HELP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO WHEN THEY CALL FOR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND VOLUNTEER. THEY SURE CAN'T DO IT ALL BY THEMSELVES!



Our local Medic EMS Service personnel will soon be organizing a CPR program that will aid citizens in saving lives. LeClaire will be the first community to receive this training. Once they reach their goal in LeClaire, they will go to Eldridge next. Some of you may have been trained in CPR before. That's good! But perhaps you might like to brush up on that previous training. If you have never had this type of life saving training, now would be the time. Please call **Jeremy Pessman at 563-528-0957** and let him know. If you belong to an organization and want to train as a group, they will even bring all the training equipment to your site. You will be hearing and reading more about this soon.



CIVIC CLUB DONATES FREE LUNCH



So... Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch?

On September 24, a handful of Civic Club members met at the Civic Center to put together about 30 + lunches to be given away to local First Responders and City of LeClaire Employees. It was our way of saying thanks for all they do to serve our community. The volunteers hand delivered the lunches to the LeClaire Police Department, Medic EMS, LeClaire's Administrative Department, and Maintenance Department. The Fire Department was not left out. On September 23, during one of their meetings, our volunteers dropped by our local Fire Station and presented all present with Cookies, Brownies, etc., because they work all around the Quad-Cities during the day, and a lunch wouldn't work out.

Thanks to all who volunteered. All went pretty smooth as everyone really pitched in to make it a successful event. A special thanks to Dan Morrell & **Vicky Haynes** for donating and cooking all of the meat for the sandwiches. All recipients were very thankful.

Hope You Enjoy The Pictures By Ron Leiby.



The gang was all there to package up those lunches. Assembly line style. L/R - **Joyce Kuehl, Debbie Smith, Darlene Nichols, Deborah Lewis & others.**



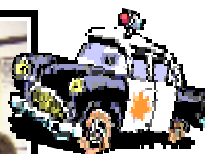
Who doesn't like pickles? More of the gang placing dill pickles into the lunch package. L/R - **Diane Spring, Lucy Dawson, and Jackie Stepaniak.**



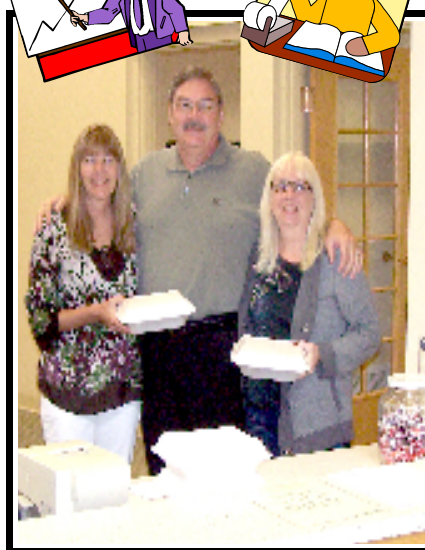
Workin' the Sandwich Counter are L/R - **Albert Dawson, Tommy Morrell, Dan Morrell, and Vicky Haynes.**



The Police Department was thrilled to get the free lunch and very appreciative. L/R - **Jackie Stepaniak**, Police Chief **Shane Thomas**, Front Desk Clerk **Talyr Nicholson**, and **Tommy Morrell**.



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Surprised and very grateful were LeClaire's city staff. L/R - **Jo Phares**, Utilities Clerk, **Ed Choate**, City Administrator, and **Deb Buskirk**, City Clerk.



Accepting on behalf of all the Public Maint. Workers were **Lane Bleeker** and **Mike Meek**. They in turn hand delivered the other worker's lunches.... Right Guys?



Jackie Stepaniak and **Joyce Kuehl** deliver the Free Lunches to Medic EMS. Accepting for the whole crew was **Michael Wyenn**.

LeCLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER

The LeClaire Information Center, located in the center of downtown LeClaire at the corner of Cody & Jones., has welcomed thousands of visitors to our historic town over the last 5 or 6 years. It has proven to be a great asset to our community.

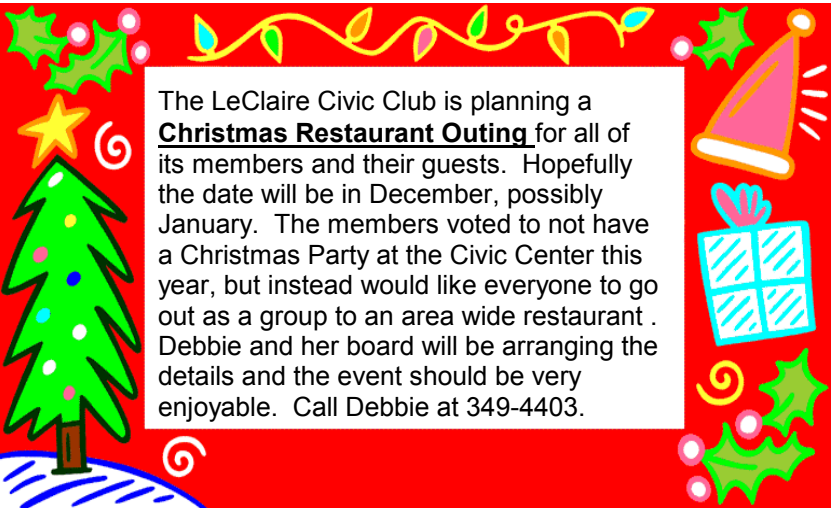
Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire's Tourism Director, has put together a great bunch of volunteers to help enhance each visitors experiences while they are here and to ensure they don't miss out on any shopping opportunities. They refer and guide the visitors to local attractions such as our Buffalo Bill Museum, Mississippi Distillery, Antique Archeology, along with many restaurants, shops, and antique stores. The Center is also a big help during our major events. We always have to remember that the better our businesses do, the more they will be willing to donate to our community. Its all "Give and Take."

A few of our own members, including **Vern Spring** and **Ron Leiby**, work at the center as volunteer ambassadors. But Cindy could use some more. Are you good with the public, and familiar with LeClaire, and its history? If so, please give her a call at **650-7963**. A normal shift is only three hours long, either 10AM -1PM or 1PM-4PM, and it goes by pretty fast. To top it off, you get to meet and talk with many different people from all over the country along with some from around the world. In addition, you would be surprised how many good traveling tips you get from the visitors about the areas they come from. It's a great volunteer job!

"TUG FOR A CAUSE"

You can help choose the charity for "**Tug For A Cause**" for the 2015 Summer **TUG-FEST** event. Go to the Tug-Fest Facebook page and vote for the charity of your choice. Perhaps our "**Christmas in LeClaire Family Emergency Fund**" might be a good choice for us to mention

HOLIDAY OUTING



The LeClaire Civic Club is planning a **Christmas Restaurant Outing** for all of its members and their guests. Hopefully the date will be in December, possibly January. The members voted to not have a Christmas Party at the Civic Center this year, but instead would like everyone to go out as a group to an area wide restaurant. Debbie and her board will be arranging the details and the event should be very enjoyable. Call Debbie at 349-4403.

CHRISTMAS IN LeCLAIRE

DECEMBER
5-7



Once again its time for Jolly Ol' St Nick and all of his helpers to celebrate "**Christmas in LeClaire**", sponsored by the LeClaire Civic Club through its *Christmas in LeClaire* sub-committee. The dates for you to remember are December 5th through the 7th. So, write them into your calendar, or post them on the fridge right away. Questions? Call Diane / 370-3509.

On Friday, 10 AM - 8 PM, there will be Crafts & Silent Auctions at the Civic Center, **Free Trolley Rides** throughout the downtown area, along with delicious Baked goods. Show up early to get a better choice of Baked Items.

On Saturday, (10-8) Don't miss **Breakfast With Santa** (8-10) Buffalo Bill Museum Tours, Santa's Playhouse (12-3), Crafts & Silent Auction at Civic Center, Cookie Tin Sales (Mason's Building), Bake Sale & **Free Trolley Rides** again, along with "Santa's from Around the World".

Then on Sunday (10-4) **Free Trolley Rides**, Museum Tours, Local Stores with Great Shopping Opportunities (Buy those special gifts), Crafts & Silent Auction at the Civic Center, and Santas from Around the World again. **MUSICIANS & CAROLERS, & CHAINSAW CARVERS TOO!**

This Fun-Filled Festive Family Event has been held for many, many years here in LeClaire, and the *Christmas in LeClaire Committee* has been made up of the same volunteers as when it was first organized. They sure put in a lot of time and hard work, and year after year, it has been very successful. There are many other restaurants and local & Quad-City wide businesses that help out with advertising and other donations.

Please -Support them All!

**It's going to be a fabulous
Christmas in LeClaire Event
you do not want to miss!**