



Around the Lake

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Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce



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September 2014

10th Annual Harvest Festival Downtown Clear Lake

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Looking for a place to relax and have some Fall Fun?

Join us for Harvest Festival, a day to celebrate
Wine, Art and Relaxing Music!

**"Order Your 10th Anniversary Souvenir Bag
Before They're Gone!"**

We invite you to come down and sample all the great wines & beers!

Visit www.clearlakeiowa.com for a complete schedule.



Tentative Schedule. Events Subject to Change.

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Harvest Vendors/Farmers Market

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - A Table Setting Affair-Wilcox Furniture

11:00 AM, Noon, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - Fall Color Tours Aboard the Main Street Trolley

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Homemade Salsa Contest

11AM-Noon-Registration, 12:15-1:45PM-Public Tasting, 2:00PM-Winners Announced

2:00-3:30 PM - Grape Stomp Competition

3:30 PM - Pumpkin Roll Race

4:00 - Waiter Race



Live Jazz Music Schedule

"Easy Listening" - Festival Block

"Last Minute Combo" - Lady of the Lake

"Crossfire" - Festival Block

"Nova Jazz" - Clear Lake Arts Center

"Hats" - Hanson's Fine Jewelry

(visit www.clearlakeiowa.com for times)

Harvest Festival 2014 is brought to you by:



NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Please welcome the following new member(s) to the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bill & Sue Cronin

1906 Stevenson Drive
Ames, IA
Individual Membership

North Iowa Music, Arts & Pageantry Inc.

MaryAnn Aslakson

P.O. Box 107
Ventura, IA 50482
641-529-2771
www.northiowamusicarts.org
Organization

Patton Custom Carpentry

Ben Patton, Owner

1 North 35th Street
Clear Lake, IA 50428
641-745-9957
Construction Company



Business After Hours Resumes in September

Now that it's September, we are resuming our well attended Business After Hours. It will be held this month on September 18 at J Avenue from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each month, the Business After Hours will be held on the third Thursday, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. So mark your calendar, and join us each month for our Business After Hours, beginning this month on September 18 at j avenue with Louie's Custom Meats. ■

Farm to Dinner Progressive Dinner Coming to Clear Lake



A progressive dinner of a different kind is coming to Clear Lake this month. The Planning Committee of the Clear Lake Community Farm to Table Dinner is planning a progressive dinner on Tuesday, September 23. It will begin with a social hour and appetizers at SIPS at 5:30 p.m., go to District 619 for soup and salad provided by Starboard at 6:30, with the entrée served by District 619 at 7:00 p.m. The evening will end at the Anchor Inn for dessert at 8:00 p.m.

A majority of the food and ingredients will be fresh and grown locally, promoting local food producers and providing an even healthier food choice. Tickets will be made available on September 8th at the Chamber for \$45. There is room for a total of 56 diners.

For more information, call Tim Coffey, committee member, at the Chamber office, 641-357-2159. ■

Thank you to all of our Chamber Members for your support. Through your membership in the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce you invest in a better Clear Lake!

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Chris Deets of Clear Lake Bank & Trust was the golf raffle winner with the Chamber's Golf Ball Drop. The Chamber's Golf Committee presents Chris with a check for \$1,000. ■



- **Entrepreneur Coffee** – Sept. 16 - 9:00AM-Chamber Office
- **Lake Leadership Orientation Luncheon**- Sept. 17-Noon - Chamber Office
- **CLHS All Class Reunion Weekend** - Sept. 18-20
- **Business After Hours** - Sept. 18
j avenue - 4:30-6:30PM
- **12 x 12 Luncheon** – Sept. 22
Noon - 1:15PM - Chamber Office
- **Farm to Table Progressive Dinner** - Sept. 23
SIPS, District 619, The Anchor Inn
5:30-8:30PM
- **10th Annual Harvest Festival** – October 4
9:00AM-5:00PM- Downtown CL



Since We Last Spoke..

Tim Coffey, M.A., IOM
Chief Executive Officer



Since We Last Spoke

Everybody is saying it, and it's more than just to make conversation. "Where has the summer gone?" Indeed, it really was a fast one, but a great one for the Chamber and more importantly, for the community.

August was a busy month, just like July was, only without RAGBRAI. We had our Class Car Show, the continuation of our Thursdays on Main, the Iowa-Minnesota Pirate Festival, our Educator Appreciation Breakfast, the Taste of Clear Lake, and our End of the Summer Beach Party, the Seawall to Seawall Run and then the Antiques in the Square show! It was a pretty busy but rewarding month, with terrific weather!

Our September is starting off a little more serene, because we are winding down the season. Nevertheless, we are planning in earnest the Harvest Festival, and fine tuning our Academy of Business resources business programming that will start later this fall.

One of the things we will begin for a second year is the Lake Leadership program. This program gives an in-depth look behind the scenes to Clear Lake. It will give the program member a chance to learn much more about Clear Lake, from the business, industry, finance and media side to its economic development, health, recreation, government, history, and agriculture side. A small investment of time can make each participant a more knowledgeable leader and influencer for our community. Be sure to read the article in this issue on the Lake Leadership program, and join up!!

With a tremendous 4th of July to an incredible RAGBRAI, the summer of 2014 in Clear Lake can be considered a resounding success from all angles. We need to thank the City of Clear Lake and all of its departments, to include Police and Fire, and especially the Parks and Recreation and Public Works, for their much needed help in making our summer events go off without a hitch! We are exceedingly grateful to these city departments!

It is going to be a great autumn. We appreciate your support of our events and our programs. Let us know what you think, by contacting me at 641-357-2159 or email me at tim@clearlakeiowa.com. Have a great September! ■

Area Events For The Month of September

- 2 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center
- 8 Clear Lake Jaycees - District 619
- 9 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center
- 12 Dee Snider - Surf Ballroom
- 13 Second Saturday - CL Arts Center
- 14 Kill Kilian's Classic Big Band - Surf Ballroom
- 16 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center
- 18-20 CLHS All Class Reunion Weekend
- 18 Business After Hours - j avenue
- 21 The Beach Boys - Surf Ballroom
- 23 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center
- 26 12x12 Luncheon - CL Chamber Office
- 27 FAM BAM COLOR JAM & 5K - Pine Tree Park
- 28 Sunday Dinner - Senior Citizens Center
- Wag & Walk 6-Legged 5K - City Park
- Homemade Cider & Donut Day - Kinney Pioneer Museum
- Austin Big Band - Surf Ballroom
- 30 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center



On-Going Events

May-September (Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Saturdays & Sundays - Clear Lake Yacht Club Races

June 9 - September 1st - 9:30AM

Worship in the Park

June 1-October 12 (Saturdays) 9-11AM

Clear Lake Farmer's Market (CL City Hall Parking Lot)



Gary Rehder of the Big O Hot Dawgs is the newest member of the Chamber and is, having the First Mates' join him for a ribbon cutting. ■



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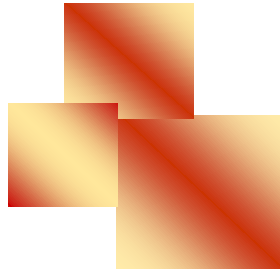


Quote of the Month

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

~ Henry David Thoreau

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY Office Hours - 1:00-4:00PM	2 Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center	3	4	5	6 CL Farmer's Market
7	8 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	9 Noon-First Mates Tuesday Painters & Sit & Knit Open Studio - CL Arts Center	10 Noon - Executive Committee Mtg. 5:15PM - Harvest Festival Mtg.	11	12 10:00 AM Senior Chamber Dee Snider - Surf Ballroom	13 CL Farmer's Market Second Saturday - CL Arts Center
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More News Around the Lake...



September 2014

Second Annual Lake Leadership Program Invites Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the second annual class of the Clear Lake Area Chamber's Lake Leadership program. The application is due September 12th.

Lake Leadership has provided the Clear Lake area with a network of current and emerging leaders who possess skills and sense of commitment to keep our community moving forward.

Lake Leadership begins with an orientation luncheon on September 17th, with the actual program beginning in October and going through April. There will also be a special graduation luncheon in May. The program uses the community as its classroom. Members meet monthly for briefings, tours and networking opportunities. Curriculum is developed with the idea of creating an integral, total experience. The topics are designed to be interactive, stimulating and thought-provoking. Participants are expected to also share their unique experiences and learn from one another. In general, the following topics are covered: economic development, banking and finance, education, health, recreation, business, industry, media, city and county government and history, and agriculture.

The program is open all Chamber members and to all people in the Clear Lake area. The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and its Lake Leadership Committee encourage all community-minded, committed citizens who have an interest in learning more about the community in depth, its challenges and how they can shape Clear Lake's future to give serious consideration to participating in this year's Lake Leadership program. Cost of the program, to cover lunches, and in many cases, transportation is \$200 for Chamber members and \$250 for non-Chamber members.

For more information, contact Tim Coffey at the Chamber office, 357-2159.



Last year's Lake Leadership included airplane rides around the Lake as part of its economic development program and tour of the Mason City airport

3rd Quarter Customer Service Award Presented to The Auto Hospital

Pictured are staff members Joe Hyduke and John Siesseger with the First Mates, accepting the award for vacationing owner Scott Ulve. The Auto Hospital was nominated by a customer who says "...the staff always has been very professional, fair, and honest in their work. The technicians give me a fair assessment of the problem and what it will take to repair it...I take my vehicles there because I know I will be treated fairly and get honest advice and assistance." The Auto Hospital is located at 107 South 3rd Street in Clear Lake. You can reach them by calling 641-357-8200. ■





Business After Hours

Hosted by...



312 Main Avenue, Clear Lake

Thursday, September 18th

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wine Tastings! Beer Tastings! Prizes!

Food! Fun! Networking!