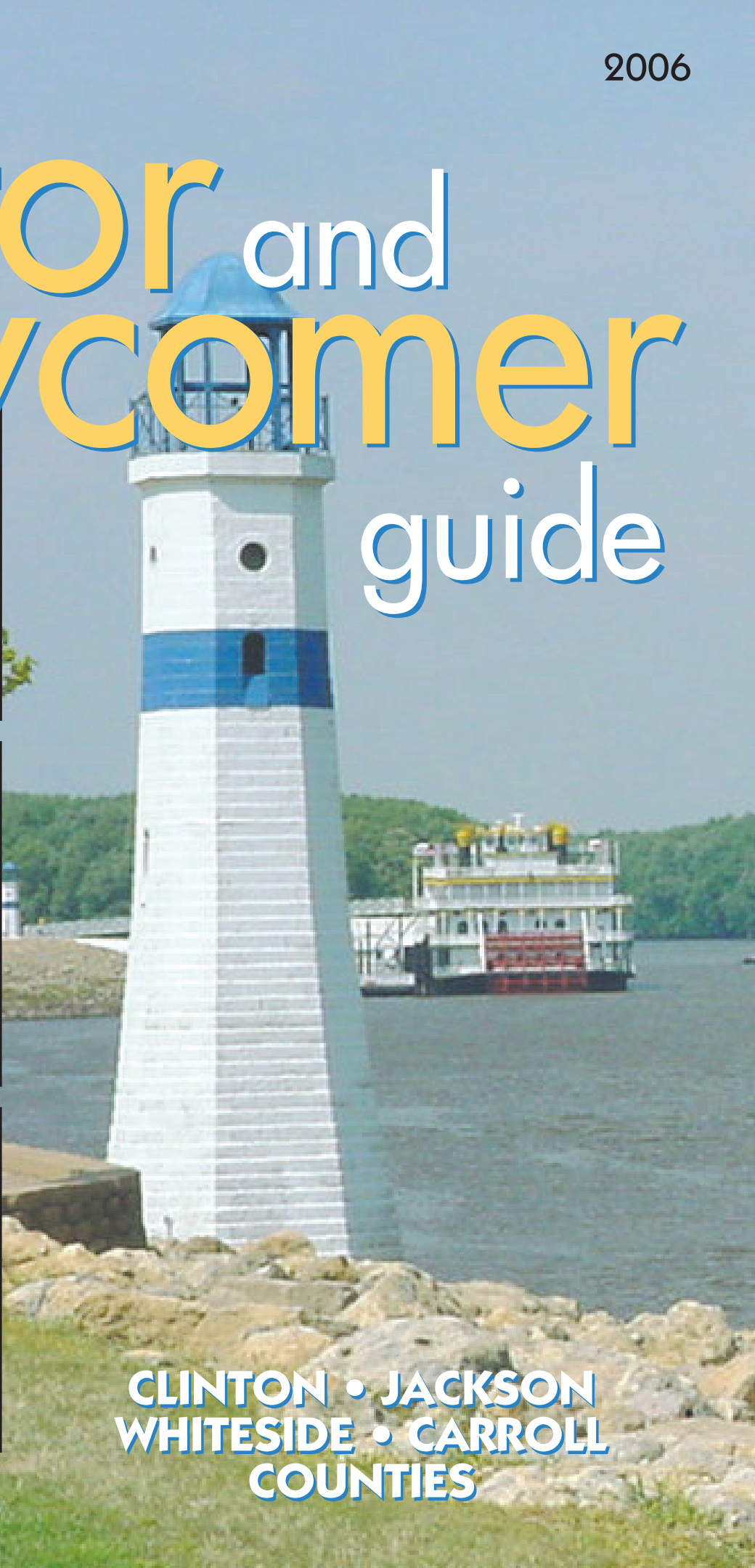
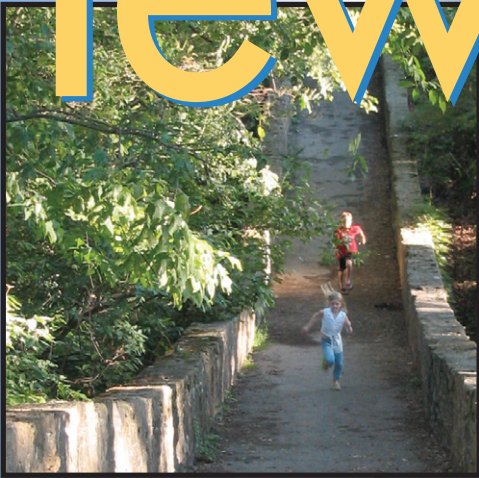


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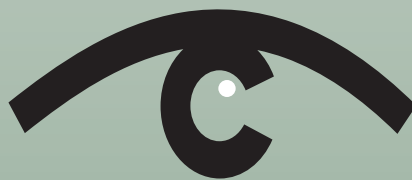
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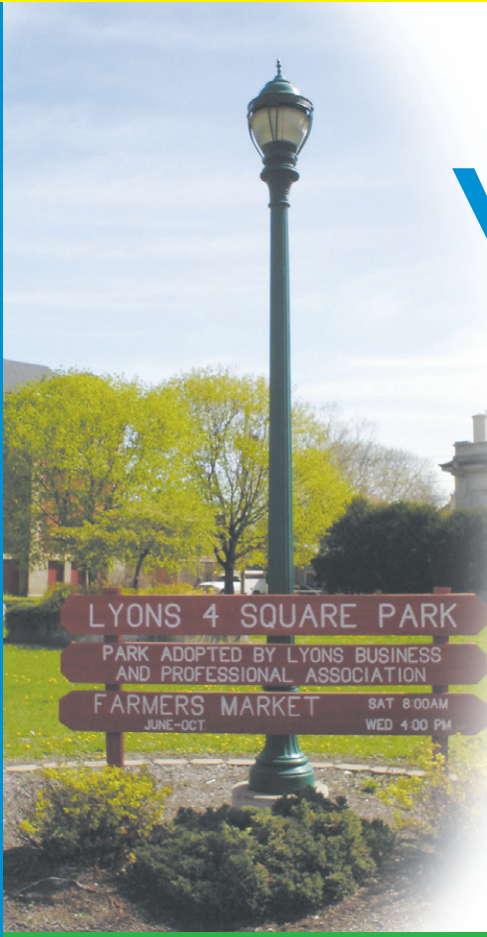


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# Welcome to Clinton

It was born near the Mississippi River around 1834 and christened New York. It later adopted three other cities and included them in a single family.

That's about as brief a genealogical history of the city of Clinton as you can get.

The original tiny townsite of New York, with one store building owned by J.M. Bartlett, was renamed Clinton after it had been purchased in 1838 by Capt. C. G. Pearce of Cincinnati, Col. Beal Randall of Baltimore and a Col. Jennings.

By this same time, a neighboring community known as Lyons, located to the north,

already had been established by Elijah Buell. Two other communities also sprouted up nearby — Ringwood and Chancy.

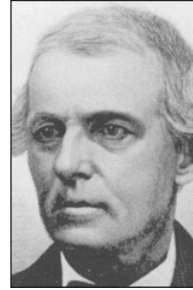
As early as 1870, Clinton sought to annex Ringwood but residents of the area objected and the plan was shelved until 1873, when a merger agreement was reached.

Chancy had grown rapidly because of the large number of workers attracted to the area by the lumber mills and railroad shops. A movement for the annexation of Chancy had been in progress for several years when a "blue ribbon" committee composed of leaders of both communi-

ties worked out the necessary details.

A park, a church and a meal site still carry the name Chancy as does the No. 4 fire station.

Lyons continued to operate as an independent city with its own council, school and fire department until April 20, 1895, when at a special election, consolidation with



**Buell**  
Founded the city of Lyons, which later was annexed into Clinton.

Clinton was approved.

Clinton, located on the Lincoln Highway and linked to Illinois by two major bridges, is well-known for building its foundation on the lumber business.

Before the Gay Nineties had even been ushered in, Clinton had gained the reputation for having more millionaires per capita than any other city in the nation.

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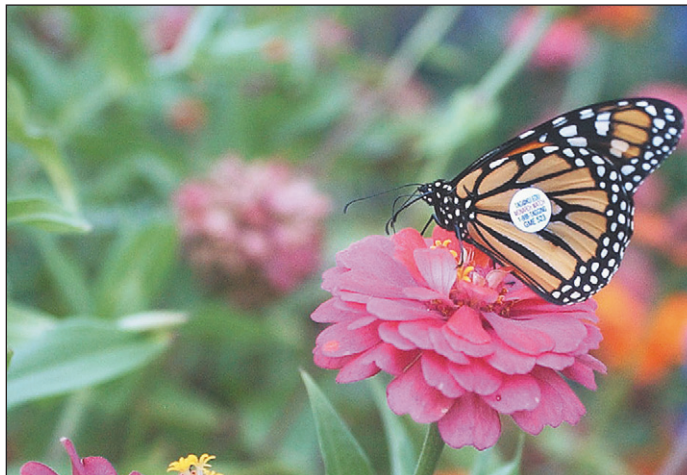
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A monarch butterfly lands on a flower at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum butterfly garden after it was tagged and released as part of a program to observe the autumnal equinox.

lending library, meeting sites and a museum display of native animals and birds are also available. Open to the public year round from dawn to dusk. Bickelhaupt Arboretum and Clinton Community College, in

cooperation with Iowa State University Extension will present a Herb Faire at the Arboretum on Aug. 12.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be an admission fee of \$5 (to Clinton Community

College). There is limited seating so those planning to attend must pre-register by calling 244-4771 or 1-888-336-3907.

This event is planned as a morning dedicated to the lure and lore of herb gardening.

A Butterfly Fest will be hosted by Bickelhaupt Arboretum, in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension — Clinton County, on Sept. 9.

The event will be that day between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Arboretum, 340 S. 14th St., Clinton. There will be no admission fee.

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"The King and I" will run between June 8 and June 18 with two performances June 14 and June 17. "Cabaret" is scheduled Aug. 10 to Aug. 20. Two performances are on tap for Aug. 16 and Aug. 19.

Between the two offerings, opening and ending the season, will be performances of "The Mousetrap" (June 22-July 8), "Anything Goes" (July 12-July 23), and "Incredible Sex" (July 27-

Aug. 20).

### Showboat's Life From the Beginning

The City of Clinton Showboat was built in 1935 and named "The Omar." She was created as a working boat, a two-deck tug for the Ohio River Co. Mainly made of steel, she is 207 feet long and 36 feet wide. In the water she displaced 581 gross tons.

Her oaken paddlewheel, rebuilt in 1980, is approximately 32 feet in diameter. It was powered by two Marietta compound stern wheel engines that required 25 to 75 tons of coal a day. These engines produced 1,000 horsepower.

For 25 years, The Omar pushed barges up and down the Ohio River. Then in 1962, the Ohio River Company presented her to the State of West Virginia for



The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

use in its centennial celebration. That marked the end of her working days and the beginning of her stage career.

She was converted from a tug to a showboat without losing her charming riverboat features.

The main deck, lounge and second deck captain's quarters were preserved. The original galley area and crew's quarters became the theater.

By raising the pilothouse, a new third deck was creat-

ed, providing theatre balcony and museum exhibition space. Crowning the "Rhododendron," renamed for the state flower, was the pilothouse with its captain's control wheel and a bird's-eye view of the river.

The city of Clinton purchased the Rhododendron from the state of West Virginia in 1966 at a public bid price of \$21,165.

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When the Depression struck Clinton in 1933-34, the Clinton Board of Park Commissioners immediately took advantage of Works Progress Administration funds. The WPA Program was the biggest relief program in U.S. history, used for direct relief of the unem-



The bridge in Eagle Point Park

ployed. The federal government gave money to states in order to put people to work during the Depression.

The city of Clinton received \$3 million of these funds to beautify Eagle Point Park and Riverview Park. The Stone Lookout Tower, located in Eagle Point Park,

was designed and built in 1937 by the WPA. From the top of this tower, you can witness a panoramic view of the Mississippi River.

There is a limestone foot-bridge spanning a small ravine that was also constructed by the WPA, and the existing pavilion was com-

pletely rebuilt around 1935 by the WPA.

Today there are many other attractive features of the park. Playgrounds with recreational equipment are located in the south end and the north end of the park. Near these playgrounds are open-air pavilions, picnic tables and grills for public use. A rock garden with a waterfall has flowers planted near it that spell out Eagle Point Park. There is also a baseball diamond and sporting equipment for rent. The lodge is a spacious stone structure with many windows and a fireplace inside.

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Hometown Hospital recently was added to the Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center.

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- June 17** Art in the Park
- June 23-25** Balloons in June
- June 30-July 4** Riverboat Days • Clinton Jaycees Carnival
- July 22** Autos on the Avenue
- August 10-13** Camanche Days
- August 13** Rod & Custom Car Show • National Night Out
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- October 14-15** Fulton Fall Festival
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- November 19** Christmas Downtown Open House
- November 22** Symphony of Lights Walk
- November 23 - December 30** Symphony of Lights
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## Annual Eagle Watch

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son on the upper Mississippi River the first week of January. Visitors will enjoy outdoor eagle viewing at Lock & Dam 13 and other area viewing sites. Eagle seminars, wildlife exhibits and children's activities are held at Clinton Community College throughout the day.

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aschmidt@eicc.edu.

### B-rrry Scurry

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## Art in the Park

Art in the Park will celebrate its 44th year on the spacious green of Riverview Park on June 17.

The art fair features 100



Sue Hoefler looks at a three dimensional handcrafted barn scene of a stone barn in Cedar Falls made by John Woodhouse in "Kajon's "Art"ery" exhibit during Art in the Park.

juried artisans, continuous live entertainment, delicious home cooking, free kids, art activities and a student art exhibit.

The art fair will be from 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 17. Art fair check in and set up will be June 16, between 2 and 7 p.m., and June 17 at 6:30 a.m.

Art in the Park is the outdoor art fair you must visit. Original works of art for sale are as varied as a crazy quilt. Richly glazed pottery, airy water colors and finely handcrafted jewelry are just but a sample of what the best art fair on the river offers.

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Dr. Pam first met Dr. T. at Palmer College as a student; he was her mentor & she was among the 700+ interns who have completed the Troxell Intern Program, advanced training for students wanting to specialize in the Gonstead method. Little did she know at that time what the future held for the two of them...

In 1991 Dr. Pam was in a **horrific car accident** that left her with a compression & burst fractures of her spine. The MDs at Mayo Clinic told her that she would require metal rods to repair the damage. With her extensive training & practice in chiropractic care & knowing full well the capabilities of the human body, Dr. Pam chose another method of care & rehabilitation; she called upon her former mentor to treat her & Dr. T. did just that. Dr. Pam's broken back healed & to this day, she has never had the surgeries that the doctors were sure she needed.

**Through the course of her care & working together, the two fell in love.** They were married in 1992 and share 8 children – his, hers, & theirs. They work together at Clinton Back & Neck Care Center, which is now celebrating its 20th year of success in the Clinton area.

**Dr. T. & Dr. Pam** have a combined **72 years of experience** and they feel honored to share the gifts that they have been given with others by providing the very best in care. The chiro-couple can be found at Clinton Back & Neck in Clinton, which prides itself on being **the only area clinic that utilizes** both traditional & alternative medicine, or at Parkview Back & Neck in Parkview, just north of Davenport. They look forward to providing at least another 20 years of care in the Clinton & Parkview areas.



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## Balloons in June

Balloons in June, a colorful hot-air extravaganza, will be presented a seventh straight year from June 22 to 24.

The showy event will begin June 22, with a night glow on Fifth Avenue South beginning at 8 p.m.

"This is a fun, family event," said Paul Schneider of Clinton. "There is no entry fee for balloonists who participate and no admission fee for the public. We hope to have 25 or 30 balloonists on hand and we hope the weatherman cooperates giving us a colorful weekend."

The weekend is scheduled to begin with a night glow in which balloons are lighted at 8 p.m. on Fifth Avenue South on June 22. On June 23, a flight of 25 to 30 balloons is scheduled to take off from the Clinton airport at 6 p.m.



Fifteen of them are scheduled to return for a night glow at the airport beginning at approximately 8 p.m.

On June 24, the balloons are scheduled for a morning flight at 6 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be held, serving to begin also at 6 a.m.

In the evening, another bal-

loon flight is set to begin at 6 p.m. with several returning for a night glow at approximately 8 p.m.

Another breakfast is scheduled for 6 a.m. June 25. An early morning balloon flight should begin at about the same time.

Good food will be served

by the Clinton County Cattlemen's Association and Clinton County Pork Producers.

Kettle corn will be available as will air rides and bounce rides for the kids.

A new event on the schedule this year will be a QC Volleyball Tournament, open to the public. The grass tournament will be June 24 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the airport site.

QCVolleyball was formed to provide information to the area volleyball community and promote the sport at all levels, ages and genders throughout the Quad-Cities and surrounding area, with an emphasis on supporting local youth volleyball programs.

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Contact: Clinton Jaycees at 243-0923 or e-mail [jaycees@clintonjaycees.org](mailto:jaycees@clintonjaycees.org). Visit the Web site [www.clintonjaycees.org](http://www.clintonjaycees.org).



Samantha Treanton (left) and Steffany Maxwell enjoy the Jaycees' Carnival.



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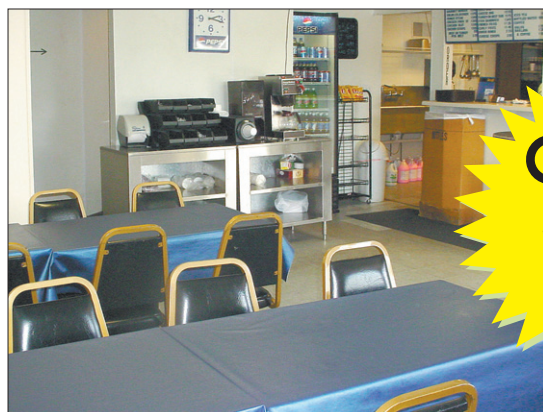
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## Riverboat Days

Clinton Riverboat Days 2006 will be a five-day event starting with the parade on June 30 and ending with the community fireworks July 4.

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night June 25. The cost covers five days and five nights of fun and entertainment at an average \$4.20 per night. People are encouraged to purchase their Fun Cards before the June 25 deadline because after that they will only be sold at the gate for \$30.

More information regarding Fun Cards and preferred

seating may be had by contacting Spanky at 242-6231 or by visiting the official RBD Web site at [www.riverboatdays.org](http://www.riverboatdays.org).

Riverboat Days 2006 main-stage will begin June 30 with Creedence Clearwater Revisited. Having toured North and South America, New Zealand, Europe and

Asia with astounding concerts since 1995, the group has come a long way.

In the 45 years of Clinton Riverboat Days only a few bands have been booked for a repeat performance, but no band has ever been back for a third time. That all changes

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July 2 brings one of the most listened to voices on radio from the mid 1960s

through the early 1970s, that of The Grass Roots lead vocalist, Rob Grill. Now, nearly 30 years later, one of the most recognized voices on classic rock stations continues to be that of Grill. During all that time, Grill and The Grass Roots have averaged more than 100 live performances each year.

Rob is a native of Hollywood, Calif., where he attended Hollywood High School. Soon after graduation, Rob began working at American Recording Studios with some of his musician friends, Cory Wells and John Kay, who later formed 3 Dog Night and Steppenwolf. Convinced to start his own band, Rob and three others formed The Grass Roots.

In the entire history of rock 'and' roll, only nine bands (including The Beatles) have



charted more hits on Billboard's Hot 100 than The Grass Roots. The Grass Roots have appeared on more than 50 national television shows and hold the all-time attendance record for a one-act U.S. concert of 600,000 people on July 4, 1982, in

Washington, D.C.

Foreigner will be the Mainstage attraction on July 3. Formed in 1976, Foreigner is no stranger to meteoric global success. Since then, Foreigner's midas touch has never failed them. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Foreigner was universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world, racking up scores of smash hits, multi-platinum albums and sold out concert tours.

On July 4, country is coming to Clinton Riverboat Days 2006 in the form of Phil Vassar, a golden-touch songwriter with a winning vocal style, a crowd-pleasing show, and a grand piano to wrap up five nights of top entertainment. Following Vassar's stage appearance, Riverboat Days 2006 ends with the annual fireworks display.

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Contact the Downtown Partnership at 242-5702

## Rod & Custom Car Show

This is the second Sunday in August. The Clinton Area Rod Club hosts an annual Rod & Custom Car Show. The event draws more than 150 vehicles to Clinton's beautiful Riverview Park. Vintage autos, custom cars,

trucks and motorcycles are displayed in an open, grassy area.

Entry fees are modest and the show is open to the public at no charge.

Contact: Dave Mills, 51 1 Fifth Ave. South, Clinton, at 242-4124

## Lyons Street Dance

This is the weekend after Labor Day in Foursquare Park on Main Avenue in Clinton.

There is a car show, food booth, kids activities and dancing in the street featuring local bands. Free admission and fun for all.

Contact Tom at 242-2509 or Diane at 242-2997



Bill Bramley of Clinton (left) and Todd Betts of Morrison, Ill., look over a 1941 Willys Coupe owned by John and Wanda Peterson of Moline, Ill., at the Autos on the Avenue car show in downtown Clinton.



Mike and Laurel Freidl (right) talk with Marylin Norem about the 1922 Dodge Deluxe Sedan owned by her and her husband, Stub Norem, at the Lyons Main Avenue Car Show.

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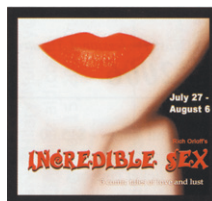
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## Clinton: Things to Do

## Corn On The Corner

The Clinton Convention & Visitors will host "Corn On The Corner" in downtown Clinton on Aug. 26.

Collaborating with Clinton County Iowa State University Extension, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Clinton Jaycees and 4-H, the event will have something for everyone with displays that will educate visitors about the many uses of corn.

For youths, there will be a corn box treasure hunt, corn-eating contests, corn shucking contests, a children's tractor race, music and other fun-filled events from 2 to 6 p.m.

There will also be a petting zoo consisting of animals that are found on the

## What is Corn on the Corner?

After hurricane damage led to a cancellation of the Aug. 26 HMS Bounty visit, the Clinton Convention and Visitors Bureau, in collaboration with Clinton County Iowa State University Extension, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Clinton Jaycees and 4-H, planned an event to help celebrate Iowa's most famous crop and provide a fun-filled event for area residents and visitors. Did you know that one bushel of corn can be turned into 13 pounds of bacon, 22 hamburgers, 38 boxes of corn flakes or the sweetener for 324 cans of soft drinks? Attendees will learn this and much more.

For youths, there will be a corn box treasure hunt, corn-eating contest, corn-shucking contests, children's tractor races, music and other fun-filled events from 2 to 6 p.m. There also will be a petting zoo.

For adults, a bake-off in several categories using corn as the base of the recipes will be a feature. There will be the corniest joke of the hour, corn in a jar guess and corn juggling to name but a few activities.

Visitors will experience hot, buttered corn on the cob along with kettle corn, roasted corn, corn chips and salsa, corn tacos in a bag, chipotle pizza and all of the standard fare of an outdoor, summer event. There will be a beverage tent and music.

For more information, contact the CVB at 242-5702 or e-mail [clintoncvb@mcleodusa.net](mailto:clintoncvb@mcleodusa.net).

Iowa farm scene.

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gories using corn as the base of the recipe.

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joke of the hour, corn in a jar guess and corn juggling to name but a few activities.

What would the festival be



without hot, buttery corn on the cob? Visitors to the event will experience that summer treat along with kettle corn, roasted corn, corn chips and salsa, corn tacos in a bag, chipotle pizza and all of the standard fare of an outdoor summer celebration.

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# Fantasy of Lights

The Fantasy of Lights kicks off the annual popular Gala and Auction on Nov. 17. Christmas trees, wreaths and baskets will celebrate the vibrant seasons of the year.

Tickets are available through the Mercy Healthcare Foundation. Reservations include dinner, dessert, complimentary soda, wine and beer.

The schedule includes:

Children's Day (Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) — The 3-to-6-year old crowd will enjoy the morning celebrating. Each station will offer various games, sing-alongs, craft projects, photo with Santa and so much more. Tickets are available through the Mercy Healthcare



Gloria Wall of River City Quilters works on a Fantasy of Lights tree at the Eagle Point Park Lodge.

Foundation.

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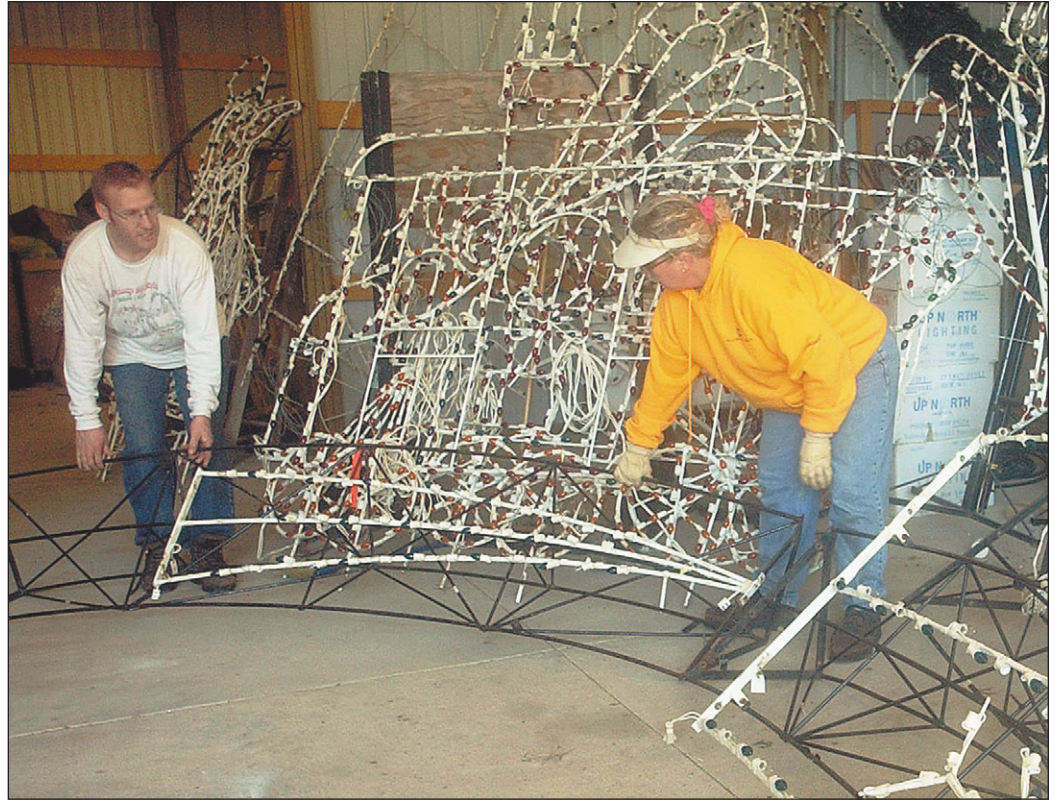
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# Symphony of Lights

Symphony of Lights is Clinton's holiday festival and held each year between the last week of November through Dec. 30. Visitors to the festival will enjoy the viewing of more than 40 lighted displays, 500,000 plus supporting lights, castles, streams and a gingerbread lodge that fill a 1.1 mile loop of Eagle Point Park located off U.S. 67 North. Its beauty and splendor will take you back to those holiday memories of your childhood.

The Symphony of Lights was brought to Clinton in November 1996, by two non-profit organizations — the Clinton Jaycee



Volunteers join other workers in getting Symphony of Lights displays out of storage.

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Clinton: Things to Do

## SYMPHONY

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Foundation and Clinton Symphony Orchestra. These organizations founded the event as a fundraiser, but quickly learned it was much more.

The Symphony of Lights brought a sense of pride to the community that had been lacking for a long time. It awakened volunteerism in all ages.

Since its inception the number of volunteers has grown tremendously. It is estimated that the numbers involved now reach close to 400.

During its sixth year the Clinton Jaycee Foundation became the sole organizer of the Symphony of Lights.

This change occurred due to a reorganization and a change in focus of the Clinton Symphony Orchestra. All proceeds go to enhance and continue the Symphony of Lights, fund the programs of the Clinton Jaycee Foundation and make improvements and upgrades within Eagle Point Park.

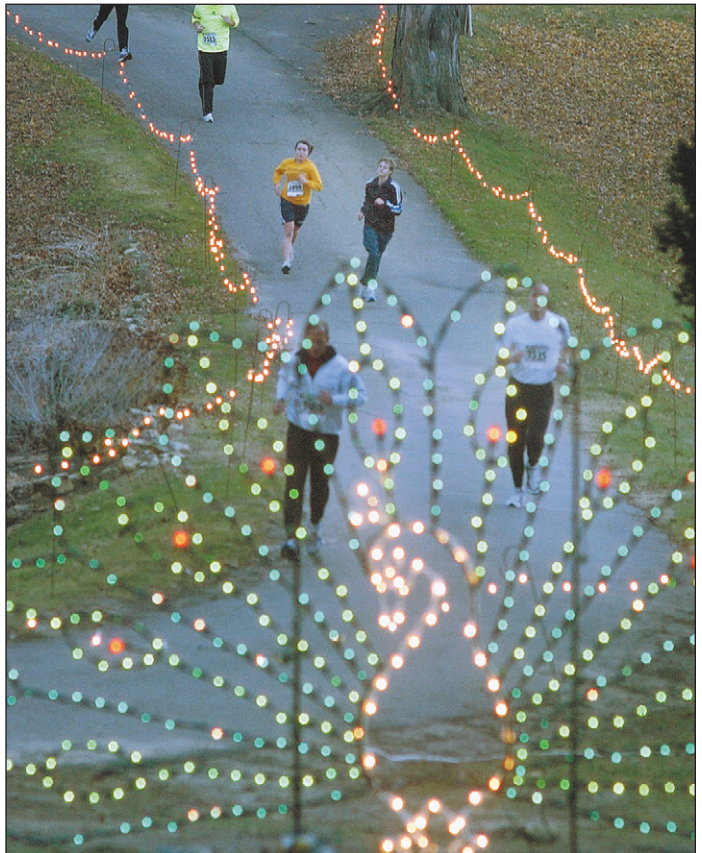
### Symphony of Lights 5K Run

The Symphony of Lights 5K Run will take place Nov. 25 at Eagle Point Park in Clinton.

Eagle Point Park is located just off U.S. 67 at the north edge of Clinton.

Gates open at 2:30 p.m. with the run beginning at 4 p.m. The course will be entirely within Eagle Point Park on approximately 2 miles of rolling paved park

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The Symphony of Lights run



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roads. One mile of the race passes by more than 40 major displays and more than 500,000 lights. The second mile winds through the most northern loop of the park which overlooks Lake Clinton on the mighty Mississippi. These views provide a truly unique running experience.

The cost for registration prior to Nov. 13 is \$12 and after Nov. 13 the cost is \$15 and includes a long sleeve T-shirt. Free refreshments will be available after the race in the lodge. Age divisions are: 14 and younger, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+. Prizes

will go to overall male/female finishers and the top three runners in each age group.

Race day number and T-shirt pickup/registration is at the lodge of Eagle Point Park from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Early packet pickup will be Nov. 20 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lyons Train Depot located at 56 25th Ave. North, Clinton, or at Eagle Point Park Lodge during the Family Walk, Nov. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Entry forms can be found at the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, 333 Fourth Ave. South. All proceeds of the 5K Run go towards the Symphony of Lights.

### Symphony of Lights Family Walk

The annual Symphony of Lights Family Walk will take

place Nov. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Eagle Point Park.

This may be the only opportunity for you to enjoy the enchanting 1.1 mile view of the displays on foot and at a leisurely pace. Strollers are welcome, but please leave your pets at home. Free refreshments will be available in the lodge. Children will have the opportunity to paint a tile courtesy of Rainbow Pottery.

The cost for adult registration prior to Nov. 13 is \$12 and after Nov. 13 the cost is \$15 and includes a long sleeve T-shirt. The cost for children's registration (6-12) is \$5 and does not include a T-shirt. There is no fee for children younger than 6.

Due to limited parking within the park, everyone is asked to park at the Lyons

Train Depot at 56 25th Ave. North, and use the shuttle bus service to get to the park. Buses will run from 5:45 to 8 p.m.

Several shuttle buses will be running and we anticipate no waiting outside in cold weather. Only vehicles with handicap permits will be allowed within the park.

All pre-registered entrants picking up tickets the night of the event must check in at the Lyons Train Depot. People purchasing tickets the night of the event must buy tickets at the Lyons Train Depot.

There will be no ticket pick-up or sales at the gate of the park. Tickets must be presented to the attendant at the gate for entrance.

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Clinton: Things to Do



Jordan (left) and Jenna Schumacher help decorate a Christmas Tree in the window of Maggie's Total Dimensions during the Lyons Christmas Walk.

## Lyons Christmas Walk

Lyons Historical District of Clinton celebrates the holiday season with dozens of window displays with "live"

actors, family activities, food and music. The event this year will take place on Dec. 3.

Contact the Lyons Business & Professional Association,

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## Downtown Holiday Open House

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## Freedom Trees Memorial

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, many communities held ceremonies and memo-

rial services to grieve, comprehend and remember what happened at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania field where planes piloted by terrorists crashed on that day.

In Clinton, a special place at the corner of Main Avenue and Mill Creek Parkway was turned into a spot of remembrance of the events of 9/11; since that time, remembrance ceremonies have taken place there.

This year, on the five-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks, another memorial service will be conducted at the Freedom Trees site. A committee made up of city leaders and Trees Forever volunteers are now planning that event, which is tentatively set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11.



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Leo and Mary Lou Cozzolino find some pottery they like at Art in the Park, one of the several events held in Clinton's Riverview Park.

## Riverview Park

At 65 acres, Riverview Park checks in as the third-largest of Clinton's 18 park facilities.

However, as home to the pool, recreational vehicle park, bandshell, fountains and skate park, its proximity to the Mississippi River and the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre and its function as the site for Art in the Park and Riverboat Days, Riverview Park clearly rivals Eagle Point Park as Clinton's signature recreational area.

Riverview Park essentially reaches into downtown via the memorial fountain at the intersection of Sixth Avenue South and Riverview Drive, which also ties into the Jack Dermody Memorial Garden.

The park continues up to Ninth Avenue North at the site of one of Clinton's four

public access boat ramps. In the middle are tennis courts, ball diamonds, concession stands, picnic tables and grills, playground equipment and restrooms, along with the big amenities listed earlier.

Spanning the length of the park is Riverview Drive, which also features a portion of the city's recreational trail. The first phase of the Discovery Trail, built in the summer of 1986, extends 1.6 between Ninth and 26th avenues north. In the fall of 1991 it was extended from 26th Avenue North to Eagle Point Park, an addition of 2.2 miles. Then, in 1997, the trail was extended the entire length of Riverview Park and beyond, carrying south to the U.S. 30 bridge.

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# RIVERVIEW

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The recreational vehicle park is situated at Ninth Avenue North and Riverview Drive. It features electrical hookups, picnic tables, water, a dump station and fill water as well as restroom and shower facilities. The park is open for camping year-round, though water is not available from November to March.

In addition to the annual events like Riverboat Days and Art in the Park, Riverview Park also has served as the site for once-in-a-lifetime events like the Grand Excursion in 2004, and for other celebrations such as RAGBRAI riders dipping their front tires in the

Mississippi at the Ninth Avenue North boat ramp.

The park had been the site of the annual Balloons in June event until it was moved to the Clinton Municipal Airport for aviation purposes. However, the event does feature a balloon glow along Riverview Drive on at least one if its nights each year.

The park has evolved over the years, but is currently undergoing a major facelift under the city's "Things To Do With a River View" riverfront redevelopment effort.

The skate park, constructed in the fall of 2004, is the first completed phase of the project.

Also on tap are major renovations to the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre and Riverview Pool, which will be transformed into a modern

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A Riverboat Days visitor from Austin, Texas, Ryan Suessmith, was in Clinton with parents Brad and Michelle Suessmith for Riverboat Days, which also takes place in Riverview Park.

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## Clinton: Things to Do

## Alliant Energy Field

There are many landmarks in Clinton.

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However, the baseball venue that stands near the Mississippi River has only been known by that name since 2002.

Before that, it was simply Riverview Stadium.

The stadium — currently the oldest in the Midwest

League — was built through the Works Progress Administration and was dedicated on May 2, 1937.

The first baseball game occurred a week later as the Clinton Owls beat Bloomington 3-2. The first night game was played the following evening.

The stadium hosted several high-profile events in the next few years. Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens visited in 1938 and won two exhibition sprints before that evening's game, and the leg-



endary Satchel Paige and his Kansas City Monarchs played the House of David team in 1939.

Since then many other big acts have performed at the stadium, including Eddie Feigner's "King and His Court" and Max Patkin, the

"Clown Prince of Baseball."

More recently, performers such as the Blues Brothers and Myron Noodleman have entertained fans.

But the main act at the stadium has always been minor league baseball.

In the venue's long and storied history, four league champions have been crowned while playing there.

The Clinton Cubs won consecutive Central

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## PARKS

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aquatic center.

A brand new bandshell will be conducted, and the

park will no doubt benefit from improvements planned at Alliant Energy Field and the Clinton marina.

Project consultants have designed all of the projects to blend together seamless-

ly, effectively expanding Riverview Park's reach beyond its current borders and serving as the centerpiece to the city's riverfront recreation area.

With plans for the Mississippi Belle II casino

to move inland as well as ongoing environmental cleanup at the former Allied Steel site, Riverview Park will continue to change in the future even after the Vision Iowa work is completed.

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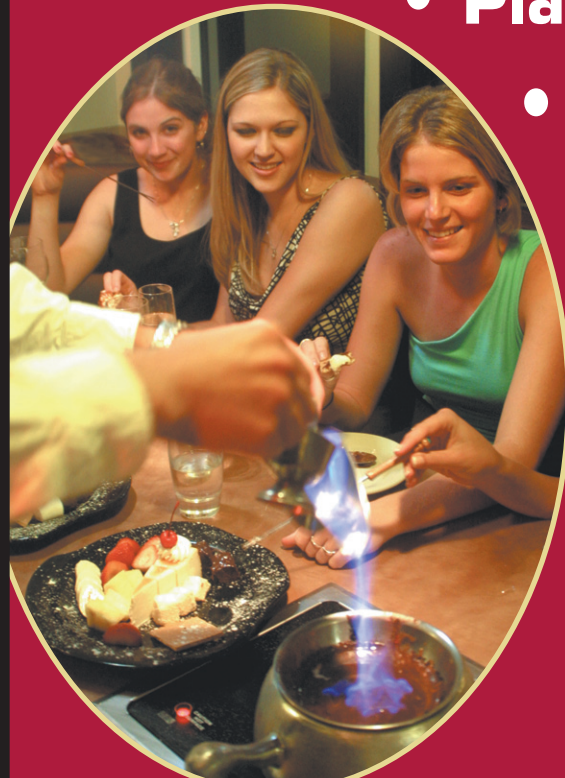
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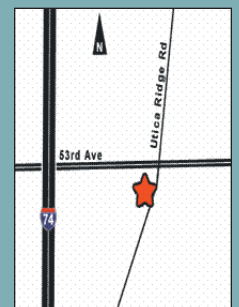
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Plenty of time passed — 28 years to be exact — before another title came Clinton's way.

In 1991, the Clinton Giants captured the Midwest League crown by sweeping both Burlington and Madison in the playoffs.

Future major leaguer Salomon Torres led the champs that season as he struck out 214 while pitching



Alliant Energy Field has been under construction due to renovation funds provided through the Vision Iowa program.

eight complete games and compiling a 1.41 ERA.

While the stadium continued its rich tradition, two major changes were approaching.

On March 13, 2002, it was

announced the city of Clinton would receive funding through the Vision Iowa grant program. Some of that money was slated to be used for stadium upgrades and improvements.

The following day, a press conference was held to announce Alliant Energy had purchased the naming rights of the city-owned stadium.

A new logo was introduced as well.



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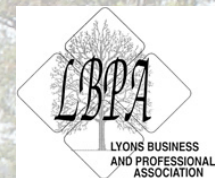
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## Clinton Family YMCA

Although the present building is a little more than 100 years old, the Clinton YMCA was established in October 1890.

Former *Clinton Herald* Editor Everett A. Streit, in a "Once Upon A Time Column" printed Feb. 19, 1991, wrote, "In 1890, a stranger called upon the Rev. C.S. Bronson, then pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church and inquired if there was a public place a young man could go for an evening.

"The answer was "no" and that simple question prompted the calling of a meeting of citizens to discuss the problem and led to the establishment of the Clinton Young Men's Christian Association...."



The Clinton Family YMCA is located at 300 Fifth Ave. South.

That meeting was held Oct. 16, 1890, in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. Robert Quayle acted as temporary chairman and the main

speaker was the assistant state secretary for the 'Y' organization.

Bronson moved that steps be taken toward forming a

YMCA in Clinton and a committee was selected to procure the names of 150 prospective members.

Another meeting was held in December and another committee was named to present a constitution and by-laws for the new association. This committee reported at another meeting the same month.

Election of officers was held with Robert Quayle named president.

Also elected were A.P. Barker, vice president; H.B. Jones, secretary; and Harry Oates, treasurer.

J.E. Carpenter, Schiller Hosford, James Leslie, George B. Young and R.R. Baldwin helped form the first board of directors with the officers. Quayle served as

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## YMCA

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president until July 4, 1891, and was succeeded by A.P. Barker.

Incorporation took place Feb. 5, 1891.

A month later a committee was appointed to study ways and means of purchasing the A.P. Hosford property at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street.

The building was acquired in no time, the committee finding out the next day it had been purchased by W.J. Young.

Young was planning to remodel the interior at his own expense to make it suitable for use by the association, rent free.

The column went on to say, "Within the next few years a



YMCA Little Dribblers

building in the 300 block of South Third Street was being rented as a gymnasium. Initial discussions about the possibility of a new gym surfaced at both directors and membership meetings about 1900."

At this time, a special committee was appointed to study the feasibility of such a project.

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## YWCA of Clinton

CLINTON — Credit for arousing interest in the formation of a YWCA in Clinton goes to Miss Marguerite Meyer, who was impressed by the work of the organization while affiliated with the University of Chicago.

“The History of the YWCA” notes that by 1915 more than 800 Clintonians had expressed interest in such an organization and a local group was founded.

On June 15, 1915, 75 women met to organize the first YWCA. Mrs. Mary Welles Coan was elected the first president. The Clinton YWCA received its charter from the National YWCA on Oct. 16, 1915.

The first YWCA was located in the Elks Building, 136 1/2 Fifth Ave. South. It



Sue Matje (front) joins others in an exercise class at the YWCA of Clinton.

consisted of a sizeable reading room, a cafeteria that could seat 75 people and a gymnasium for volleyball, basketball, gymnastics and ballet.

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## YWCA

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home at 317 Seventh Ave. South from the Carpenter family as a memorial to Judson E. and Olivia Detweiler Carpenter.

In 1926, the YWCA was bequeathed the property just east of the Lamb home, which was the former home of Mrs. Emma Lamb Young. Much discussion was held to determine the use of this property, but the consensus of opinion was to raze the home.

The lot was empty until 1975 when ground was broken for the new addition to the YWCA. Tennis courts were located west of the Lamb home and were used until 1960 when the property

was sold to Eagle Market for construction of a new supermarket.

The decade of the 1970s saw major changes at the YWCA as it struggled to expand facilities to keep abreast of changing needs in the community.

According to "The History of the YWCA," merger with the YMCA again became an issue as both organizations were suffering from a lack of space for programs and were contemplating capital fund drives.

After a series of meetings with the YMCA and representatives from United Way, both organizations decided to remain separate and to embark upon separate fund drives.

A capital fund drive for the YWCA began in 1974.

Groundbreaking for a new swimming pool and addition began in December 1975. The completion of all facilities wasn't accomplished until 1977 when the grand opening was held in April.

At that time, the YW officially became the Gateway YWCA.

The new additions consisted of a pool, locker rooms, a gymnasium, offices, a large multipurpose room and lobby.

The Women's Resource Center was a new service program established in 1977. The 24-Hour Crisis Line began Jan. 1, 1978, and the shelter opened in September 1978. An active, educational program was developed at the center.

One facet was directed toward creating public awareness of the needs of

victims of physical or sexual abuse.

In 1998, the YWCA Board of Directors made the decision to embark upon a capital campaign to renovate and expand the facility.

This renovation would double the amount of child-care space, add a handicapped accessible counseling room and renovate a space for an indoor play area for children in the shelter.

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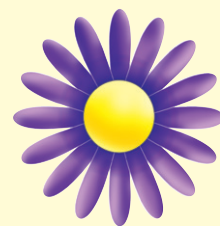
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- **Riverview Park**  
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Acres: 65. Park area includes: ball fields, tennis, fitness trails, hiking, bike trails, playground equipment, swimming pool, bandshell, concession, picnic tables and grills, restrooms, shelters and theater.
- **Lyons Foursquare Park**  
Main Avenue and Roosevelt Street.  
Acres: 1.6. Park area includes a bandshell.
- **Emma Young Park/Ericksen Community Center**  
11th Avenue North and 14th Street.  
Acres: 148 Park area includes ball fields, golf hitting area, gymnasium, tennis courts, cross-country skiing area, fitness trails, hiking, bike trails, playground equipment, concessions, lake area, picnic tables and grills, restrooms and shelters.

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## Clinton County Fair

Hundreds of 4-H and FFA members are preparing exhibits for the annual Clinton County Fair and Club Show, which will begin in DeWitt on July 19.

The Wednesday start is a change for the event, which will continue through July 23.

At the same time, Master Gardeners; quilters, home gardeners and other hobbyists will offer their work for judging and display and a carnival will be operating.

Admission will be free to all the first day (the carnival may not be running yet) and the evening's entertainment will be a tractor pull.

Other evening shows will feature: July 20: Jim Wand,

hypnotist; July 21: Blues Brothers music; and July 22: Bull riding, followed by the Dingle Berries band.

The annual demolition derby will take place on Sunday evening.

Poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits and dairy exhibits will be checked in on July 19. Milking cows will check in Thursday morning.

Swine and beef will weigh in that day also and the dog show will be held at 3:30 p.m. The livestock judging competition, No Fit beef showmanship contest, horse, sheep and goat shows are scheduled for Thursday.

Friday will bring the swine and dairy shows, a share-the-fun event and presentation at 4:45 p.m. of the meritorious service award, senior recognition and Communications Day recognition.

The annual fashion review will also be held on Friday, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Llamas will be shown at 6 p.m. Saturday, closing out a day which included poultry, rabbit and beef heifer shows, working exhibits and open feeder calf show.

A community church service will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, followed by the market steer show, pet show and release of exhibits.

An unusual feature of the Clinton County Fair and Club Show is the Outdoor Living Classroom, which has been developed in recent years by the local Master Gardeners Club.

This year's additions to the peaceful garden amidst the busy show rings are 12 varieties of sunflowers and 20 new varieties of plants which thrive in shade.

A raised garden this year will feature heirloom vegetables. Year round, the Living Classroom is open to the public from dawn to dusk, with the following reminder:

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## Memory Walk

The 2006 Clinton Memory Walk is scheduled for Sept. 9 with a fund-raising goal of \$30,000.

The goal is almost \$5,000 more than was collected during the 2005 walk. The 2006 walk again will begin at Riverview Park.

This will be the 11th annual Memory Walk held in Clinton. Local businesswoman Nancy Drews Petersen, of the Color Wheel in Clinton, has agreed to be a contact person.



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Camanche: Our Community

# Balloons In June

Friday June 23 & Saturday 24, 2006



## Schedule of Events

### Friday, June 23

- 6:00 pm: Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport
- 6:00 pm: Crafts and Concessions
- 6:00 pm: Moon Walk for the Kids
- 8:00 pm: Night Glow at Clinton Municipal Airport "Balloons light up the night sky"

### Saturday, June 24

- 6:00 am: Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport
- 8:00 am: Crafts and Concessions
- 8:00 am: Moon Walk for the Kids
- 9:00 am: Volleyball Tournament
- 6:00 pm: Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport
- 8:00 pm: Night Glow at Clinton Municipal Airport "Balloons light up the night sky"

### Sunday, June 25

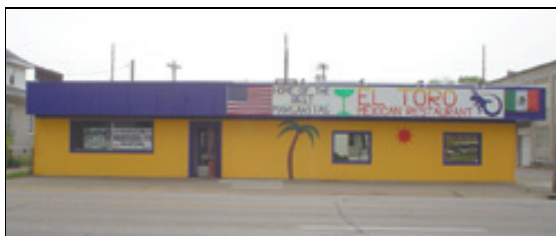
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Camanche: Things to Do

# Camanche Days

Camanche Days is held the weekend of the first full week in August. The next annual celebration is scheduled Aug.10-13, 2006. The Camanche Days celebration features complete family entertainment, a parade, carnival and fireworks at 9 p.m. Aug. 13.

A Little Prince and Princess contest will be featured as will a Prince and Princess contest and a Miss Teen contest. A Senior King and Queen contest is also scheduled. The Camanche Classics 5K run, kids fun run and Diaper Derby will be contested with golf, tennis and softball tournaments on tap. Pool, arm wrestling, co-

ed sand volleyball and other events are among the fun things to do.

The 27th annual Camanche Fireman's Pancake Breakfast will be served Aug. 13, a car show will be on the grounds, Kids Day Out will be 5 to 9 p.m., Aug. 10 and 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 13. A band has been scheduled each night, there will be



a summer jam tent. A bingo tent will be on the grounds as well as a beer tent and vendors of all kinds.

Further information may be had calling Linda Cundiff (president), at 259-1209; Orren Thompson at 259-8166; or Dave Maze Jr. at 259-9124.

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# Welcome to Camanche

In 1836, Dr. George Peck was prospecting along the banks of the Mississippi River when he came across a place he considered an ideal site "for a great city."

He platted 20 ranges of 20 blocks each, and then he walked to Chicago to offer the lots for sale.

Later that year, Martin Dunning, of the Chicago firm of Dunning and Monroe, hauled a stock of general merchandise across the river to become the first businessman in Camanche.

Close on his heels came Charles Darrow in the same business, and in 1837 Peck's son, Franklin, put up an 18-



by-20-foot log cabin on one of his father's lots and it became the first hotel in

Clinton County.

The first owners of lots in Camanche (named after an

Indian tribe, but misspelled) formed a pool to build a ferry to Albany, Ill. The ferry was described as "an old mud scow that took half a day to cross and come back."

Anna Eliza Thomas opened the first subscription school in the county in Camanche in 1838.

In January 1837, J.D. Bourne, who had built a log house near the present crossing of the Wapsipinicon River to McCausland, was commissioned a postmaster and his log cabin, which he called Monroe, became the first post office in the county.

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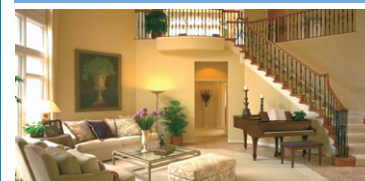


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A ferry to bring the mail across the Wapsi River consisted of a canoe in summer and Bourne's hunting dogs to cross the ice in the winter.

William D. Follett, of Sodus, N.Y., settled on the Wapsi River bottoms and knew the hillsides facing southeast would make good orchards and vineyards. The next year he walked back to New York for young stock to plant on the slopes.

Herman B. Shaff found a large deposit of limestone and, on the prairie above it built his cabin — and a few years later a stone house and barn.

Clinton County was organ-

ized officially by the Legislature Jan. 11, 1840, and Camanche was made the county seat because more votes were polled there than anywhere else.

The first term of the United States Second District Court was held at Samuel Doolittle's hotel in Camanche beginning on Oct. 12, 1840. The first cases included Erastus Fairman, accused of burning a house; John Thomas vs. John Eldred for "\$5 lent and interest," and a divorce case.

In January 1841, the Legislature appointed three commissioners, from Cedar, Scott and Jackson counties, to find a new location for the county seat. The spot they choose was first named Vandenburg and later DeWitt.

The commissioners borrowed \$200 and sent it to the

Dubuque land office in the care of the sheriff to register the new location.

Despite having lost its role as county seat, in 1852, Camanche was the chief town of Clinton County, having reached prosperity as various railroad and bridge schemes were attempted.

That enthusiasm worked to create a rapid growth in population, business, industry and construction. Grain and pork were bought in large quantity for shipment on the river. There were lumber mills, farm implement dealers and a steady commercial fishing industry.

The first county fair was held in Camanche in 1859.

Then, on Sunday, June 3, 1860, all of the growth and activity came to a sudden stop. Without warning, two

fierce tornados united southwest of DeWitt and bore down on Camanche.

In two or three minutes, the tornado killed 29 people and left 76 seriously injured and 38 missing (32 bodies were later found). Three hundred of the 350 homes in town were destroyed, along with 29 businesses, two hotels and two churches. Horses, cows and whole buildings simply disappeared.

Sources: "History of Clinton County, Iowa, a 1976 Bicentennial Project" of the Clinton County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and "Pathways to the Present in 50 Iowa and Illinois Communities," written and self-published by Julie Jensen McDonald of Davenport



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### **Dutch Days Festival      May 5-6, 2006**

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### **National Night Out & Car Show      July 29, 2006**

Drives Athletic Park, Fulton, Illinois      4pm-8pm  
Annual community event to foster a family fun night. Free activities include large car show, outdoor movie, inflatable rides, free food, music and games.

### **Community Wide Garage Sales & Downtown Sidewalk Sales      August 5, 2006**

### **Fall Festival      October 14, 2006**

Downtown Fulton and Heritage Canyon      10am-2pm  
Annual community festival celebrating the fall harvest season. Bobbin for apples, wagon rides, pumpkin painting, scavenger hunt, bake sale, music and food. Early American Crafters re-enact life as it was in the 1800's at Heritage Canyon- October 14 & 15, 2006 10am to 4pm.

### **Christmas Walk      December 1, 2006 5pm - 7pm**

Downtown Fulton and Heritage Canyon  
Annual community festival celebrating Christmas. Music, Downtown Shopping, Food, Wagon Rides, Children's Crafts, Santa Claus, Live Nativity, The Grinch, Ice Carving, and Much More. Early American Crafters re-enact life as it was in the 1800's at Heritage Canyon- December 2, 2006 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm (Illuminated Walk).

### **Annual Bald Eagle Watch      January 6, 2007**

Lock & Dam 13, Fulton, Illinois and Clinton Community College, Clinton, Iowa  
Public Viewing of bald eagles in their natural environment will take place at Lock and Dam 13 from 8am to 4pm. Naturalists and volunteers will be on hand with spotting scope available to aid in viewing the bald eagles. Several exhibits and programs will be available at Clinton Community College from 9am to 2pm. Thomson Park Rangers 815-259-3628



Fulton, Ill.: Our Community

# Fulton has rich history

## City is known for its Dutch Days celebration

The first residents of this area were the Winnebago, Pottawattamie and Fox Indian tribes. Many American Indians settled here because of the good hunting grounds and because Fulton was situated in a narrow part of the river, which made the Mississippi River easier to cross.

In 1835, John Baker built the first building here. It was a log cabin in the present location of the Harbor Crest Nursing Home. The settlement was originally called Baker's Ferry but, the town's name was changed to Fulton in 1837 in honor of the famed inventor.

The second building was a small cabin on the riverbank in what is now Riverfront Park. It became Fulton's first store. The first frame structure was built in 1838 on what is now the corner of Fourth Street and Sixth Avenue.

In 1837, Hollis Chenery and John Phelps opened the first store in Fulton. Before this, citizens did their trading at Galena, Ill., Albany, Ill., or Fort Armstrong, Ill., which is now Rock Island.

In 1838, the ferry between Fulton and the Lyons Post Office opened. Fulton was a prime crossing to westward migration and for many years



ferris ran between the Illinois and Iowa banks. The County Commissioners' Court issued a license in 1840 to run a ferry across the Mississippi River to Caleb Clark. Rates were considered

high: a single fare cost 25 cents, a man and a horse cost 75 cents, two-wheel carriages cost \$1, and hogs and sheep cost 12.5 cents per head.

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Also in 1838, the first post office was established in Fulton. John Baker was appointed as postmaster. The mail was delivered three times a month by stagecoach from Peoria to Dixon.

An ox team carried it to Sterling and it came to Fulton by horse and wagon.

In 1839, an acre of land in Fulton cost \$1.25 per acre, which figures out to be 23.5 cents per lot.

The first school in Fulton was built on Main Street in 1840. Instruction included general and advanced studies and tuition was charged.

In 1845, Langford and Hall Lumber Co. opened as the

city's first water-powered sawmill. Lumbering was a big part of Fulton's past and huge log rafts were floated from northern forests to sawmills in the area.

In March 1854, the first issue of the Whiteside Investigator (later Fulton Journal) was published.

The subscription price was \$1.50 per year.

Its office building was located in what is now the 200 block of Ninth Avenue. That building was razed following the great flood of 1965.

On March 12, 1855, the voters of the settlement of Fulton City went to the polls and approved incorporating the town.

In 1855, the Dement House Hotel was built. The hotel was 96 by 110 feet in

size and five stories high including the basement. The lavish hotel cost \$100,000 to construct and contained \$40,000 worth of furnishings. The walls were built of stone taken from Fulton quarries. It's opening was considered a gala event. Owner Charles Dement was later forced into bankruptcy.

At the start of the Civil War, the building was used as the Western Union College and Military Academy, which opened in September 1861.

When the war ended, the academy was changed to the Illinois Soldiers' College.

By 1873, the college had been renamed the Northern Illinois College.

In 1902, the college became a military academy again until it's end in 1911.

The building was razed in

1933. The site is now the home of the Fulton Post Office.

In 1858, the grade school at the northeast corner of Ninth Street and Eleventh Avenue was completed.

There were three stories and it adjoined the public square. There were five gradations — first and second primary, junior, senior and high school departments.

There were two terms of 21 weeks each.

On Feb. 14, 1859, the state legislature approved a special charter for the Town of Fulton City to become the city of Fulton.

Voters elected James McCoy as the first mayor.

*From: The History of Whiteside County by Wayne Bastian*



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Stairways lead up into the windmill. Access to the windmill can also be reached by walkways on the top of the dike. The windmill is partially handicap accessible.

Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated.

Windmill hours are June 1 to Labor Day, Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; September from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; May and October the windmill is open weekends only on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Martin House Museum

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Many of the items include products made or manufactured by Fulton businesses. There are several themed rooms.

The Martin House

Museum is open every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment.

Contact: Fulton Chamber of Commerce at (815) 589-4545

## Fulton calendar of events

**May 5 and 6:** Fulton Dutch Days Festival.

**May 5 to 7:** Early American Crafters, Heritage Canyon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., each day.

**May 13:** Spring Plant Sale, 8 to 11:30 a.m., Den Besten Park.

**June:** Heritage Canyon Day Camps — Week 1 (Session I), June 12 to 15, first-time participants, grades three to six; Week 2 (Session II), June 19 to 22, must have completed Session I; Week 3 (Session I), June 26 to 29.

**June-September:** Summer

Concert Series, Den Besten Park, one day each month.

**July 29:** National Night Out/Fulton Family Fun Night, 4 to 8 p.m., Drives Athletic Park.

**Aug. 5:** Downtown sidewalk sales (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and citywide garage sales (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

**Oct. 7:** Fire Prevention Event and Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fulton Fire Department.

**Oct. 14:** Fulton Fall Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., downtown Fulton.

**Oct. 14 and 15:** Early

American Crafters, Heritage Canyon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Early American Crafters and other historical groups take us back in time as they recreate history in the mid-1800s. Visit downtown Fulton to enjoy pumpkin painting, grilled food, alpacas, buggy rides, windmill tours and a scavenger hunt.

**Nov. 12:** Annual Turkey Supper, 4 to 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church of Fulton.

**Nov. 18:** Unity Christian School's Holiday Craft Fair, 9

a.m. to 2 p.m., school gymnasium.

**Dec. 1:** Fulton's Hometown Christmas Walk, 5 to 7 p.m., downtown Fulton. Enjoy a soup supper, window displays with live actors, windmill tours, caroling, horse and wagon rides and Christmas crafts for the kids.

**Dec. 2:** Christmas Walk at Heritage Canyon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. (illuminated walk).

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The covered bridge at Morrison, Ill.

sonable demands. They opted to bypass Unionville and go through Morrison instead.

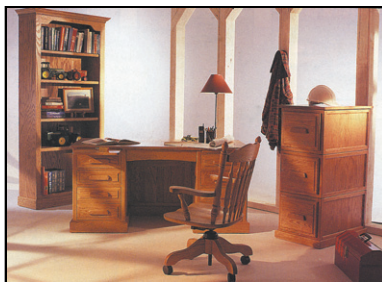
Morrison was surveyed and platted in 1855 with the first

train coming through on Oct. 19 of that year, according to Wayne Bastian's "A History of Whiteside County."

Morrison didn't seem too

interested in incorporating as only 20 votes were cast, 17 in favor, two opposed and there was one blank ballot.

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However, a week later on April 25, 1857, 44 men voted for city officials. The trustees were: Samuel H. Vroom, S. R. McCrea, Lyman Johnson, James G. Gridley and William L. Coe (president. Hiram Olmstead was elected Morrison's first police magistrate.

The money may have more to do with the fierce struggle over the location of Whiteside County's seat of government than did the prestige involved. Both Sterling and Lyndon wanted it.

Six elections later and Lyndon was declared the winner in 1840. Sterling demanded a recount and this time it



The Morrison Historical Museum is located on Lincolnway in Morrison, Ill.

was named county seat. Then in September 1842, an order moved it back again. Another election, another move;

Sterling was again declared the winner on April 3, 1849.

Finally, in 1857, the Illinois General Assembly ordered

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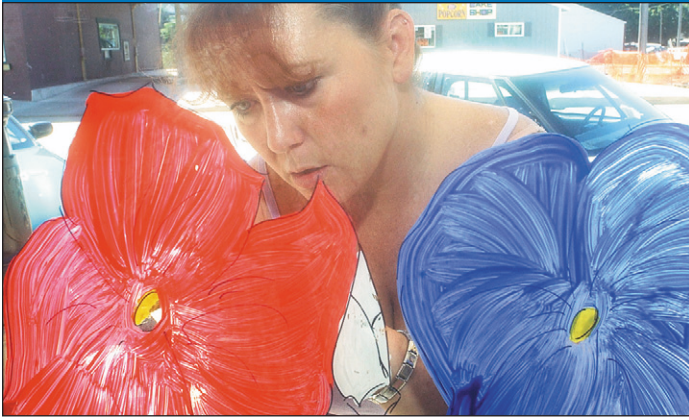
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Morrison-Rockwood State Park is composed of 1,164

acres, located north of Morrison in Whiteside County. It was established in 1971 and officially opened for day-use only that same year. The park is named for the city of Morrison and a combination of nearby Rock Creek and the heavily wooded park area — Rockwood. Lake Carlton, a focal point of the park, is a watershed impoundment constructed in 1969 by building a 38-foot high, 1,800-foot long earthen dam across a stream. The lake was named in memory of L. Carlton Anderson, a local citizen who actively promoted the park and was an important civic and conservation leader. Improvements have continued

to be made in the conservation area, making it one of the most popular recreation spots in northern Illinois.

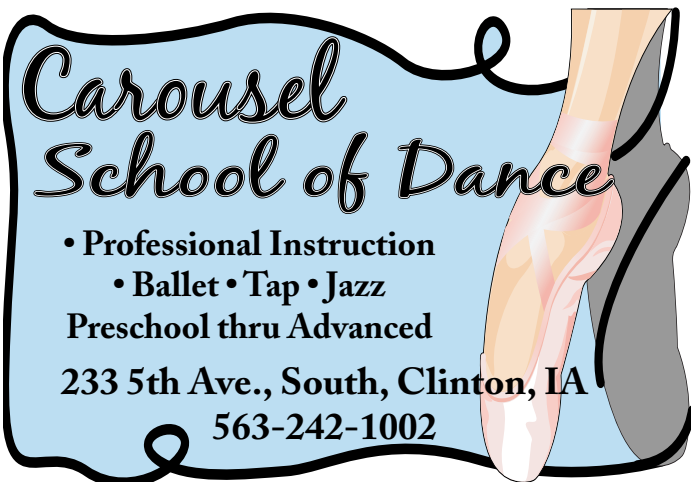
While at the park, be sure to visit one of the picnic areas — all equipped with tables and outdoor stoves. Lakeview picnic area offers a beautiful view overlooking Lake Carlton. A pavilion with a fireplace adds to the rustic atmosphere here. Electricity is available for those wanting a more modern facility. This shelter, along with the shelter at Cedar Ridge, can be reserved for large groups or family reunions.

Camping at Morrison-Rockwood State Park is sure to delight all who love the out-

of-doors. Ninety-two camping sites are available in heavily wooded areas of the park. Each site has electricity, grill and a table. A shower building with flush toilets is available from May 1 through Oct. 31. A trailer dump station is located near the campground.

Lake Carlton provides one of the best fishing spots in Illinois. Its average depth is 12 foot, with a maximum depth of 27 foot. It has a shoreline of 2.9 miles with plenty of room for shore fishermen. Initial stocking of the lake was completed in 1970 and the lake has been managed since then to maintain a plentiful fishing

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variety. Anglers may catch largemouth bass, black crappie, Rock bass, channel catfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, muskie and walleye. In addition to shoreline fishing, there are nine piers which are designated for fishermen.

The hunting area is comprised of timber woodlots, brushy draws, and fence line interspersed with open grasslands with corn, milo, and sunflower food patches. Topography consists of gently rolling hills and several gullies of which some contain permanent water.

A two-lane concrete boat ramp allows easy access to Lake Carlton. Outboard motors are restricted to 10 HP and under and all boats with

motors are to be operated under "no wake" speeds to protect the shoreline from wave erosion. An area is provided for private boat dockage for a small fee through concessionaire.

A 3-1/2-mile nature trail is marked for hikers. It offers many scenic views of the lake as it winds through the park. This trail is particularly beautiful in the spring when wildflowers are in bloom.

Equestrians may use a 14-mile trail through the park. The trail has a watering well and an overnight camping site with shelter.

For more information contact the Site Superintendent, Morrison-Rockwood State Park, 18750 Lake Road, Morrison, IL 61270, phone (815) 772-4708.

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## Morrison Parks

The City of Morrison is proud of its recreational areas and strives to improve and offer new recreational activities to its residents and visitors.

Morrison currently has four fully-developed parks. A fifth park, which is currently unnamed, is in the preliminary stages of planning. A sixth park, which will be located in the downtown area, is beginning to take form.

Waterworks Park has 12.4 acres and offers a baseball diamond, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, a playground, and a picnic area. This park recently underwent a revitalization effort.

Waterworks Park is located on the south side

of Morrison on West Winfield Street.

Kelly Park has 3.4 acres and includes a professionally designed nine-hole Frisbee golf course, tennis courts and a picnic area.

The park boasts new playground equipment and a walking path. Kelly Park is adjacent to Grove Hill Cemetery just off of East High Street.

Kiwanis Park, on North Genesee Street, is 1/2 acre with a rolle bolle court, playground equipment and a picnic area.

French Creek Park is Morrison's newest park. This park is 16 acres and offers soccer fields, a walking path, a playground area and picnic area.

## Morrison Chamber of Commerce

The Morrison Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to develop, promote and protect the economic vitality of the community through a positive business environment and to foster a climate in which commerce, industry and agriculture will flourish. Simply stated, the Morrison Chamber is business and professional people working together to make the community a better place for everyone to live and work.

Whether you are new in town, starting a business or just visiting, the Morrison Chamber is the headquarters for information. The chamber can help find everything from hotel accommodations and utilities to a real-estate agent and a dinner reservation.

The Morrison Chamber of Commerce is actively involved in community activities, including business development, educational programs, city beautification and networking activities between businesses, organizations, churches, individuals and families. The calendar of events includes:

May — Chamber scholarships in the amount of \$300 are awarded to a graduating senior from Morrison High School to be used at college.

May — Chamber sponsors the citywide sidewalk sale

June, July and August — Informational business luncheons

June — Golf tournament/Glow ball

October — Halloween parade

December — Christmas Walk and parade

For more information about the chamber and the services it provides, call (815) 772-3757. It is located at 221 W. Main St. and can be e-mailed at [morrcham@essex1.com](mailto:morrcham@essex1.com).

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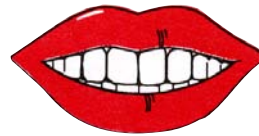
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Within a short drive of Clinton are several recreation areas managed by the Corps of Engineers. These

areas offer diverse opportunities for recreational activities including: boating, fishing and hunting, picnicking, sightseeing, hiking and camping. For general information, contact: Lockmaster, Lock & Dam 13, 4999 Lock Rd., Fulton, (815) 589-3313. Guided tours for groups only.

*Contact: Thomson Park Rangers, P.O. Box 398, 823 Main St., Thomson, (815) 259-3628. E-mail: mvrodmn13@usace.army.mil*

## Blue Heron Eco-Cruises

The Clinton County Conservation Board offers Blue Heron Eco-Cruises,

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## Lincoln Highway

The city of Fulton is fortunate to have two national scenic by-ways passing through their community, the Lincoln Highway and the Great River Road. The Great River Road parallels the Mississippi River from its source in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico. The 3,000 miles of federal, state and county roads that make up the Great River Road traverse woodlands, farm lands and river towns.

In 1938, the Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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Things to Do: Area Attractions

# LINCOLN

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was appointed to protect and enhance the Great River Road. In 1964 the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba connected the 5,000 mile Trans-Canada Highway to the Great River Road. The Great River Road passes through 10 states. The Illinois Great River Road corridor winds through eighteen counties along the Mississippi River, including Whiteside County.

In each of the counties historical, recreational, cultural, economic and scenic resources are of major significance to the state of Illinois. Currently, a team of consultants hired by the Western Illinois Tourism Development Office is

working on an interpretative and marketing plan for the Great River Road. The plan will help identify this region to visitors and held secure funding for local organizations that protect, manage and interpret the Great River Road.

For more information about the Great River Road, please visit [www.greatriver-road-illinois.info](http://www.greatriver-road-illinois.info).

The Lincoln Highway was designated a national scenic byway in 2000. In 1912, Carl Fisher, founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, had a dream of a highway spanning our continent from one coast to the other. Fisher envisioned a graveled road stretching from New York City to San Francisco. Henry Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car Co., was an early advocate of Fisher's dream and

came up with the idea of naming the highway after Abraham Lincoln.

On March 20, 1915, the first Complete Official Road Guide of the Lincoln Highway was produced. The highway started in New York City's Times Square. It passed through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California before ending in Lincoln Park in San Francisco. Today, travelers in search of "real" America who want to travel at a leisurely pace can trace the Lincoln Highway through Illinois and ponder automobile travel when the "Tin Lizzie" ruled America's roads.

For more information on the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition, visit [www.lincolnhighwayil.com](http://www.lincolnhighwayil.com).

# Heritage Canyon

Heritage Canyon, located in Fulton, Ill., is a must-see look back in time, reminding or educating us in how it used to be.

The 12-acre wooded structure nature walk dotted with buildings take visitors back to the 1800s. From the mid-1800s until 1954, the area was a limestone quarry where rock was crushed for field fertilizer, road beds, wing dams and levees. Trucks, trains and river barges hauled it away.

The quarry was abandoned in 1954 because dynamiting was damaging both sides of the river. The area became an eyesore to the community with its junk and dilapidated shacks.

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JULY 27-AUGUST 6

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# CANYON

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In 1967, Harold and Thelma Wierenga bought the quarry. They converted the machine shop into a usable workshop and then built their home on the site of the old rock crusher.

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Located at 515 N. Fourth St. in Fulton, Heritage Canyon is open daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For information call (815) 589-4545.

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Early American Crafter Kathy Hullinger paints a picture of Heritage Canyon's Chapel during a Christmas weekend in the canyon.

admission for adults and children older than 14 is

requested. All donations are used for improvement of this

park.

Self-guided walking tours marked by numbered yellow arrows on brick paths will guide you through a pleasant experience.

Special events at the Canyon this year include the 2006 Dutch Days Festival from May 5 to 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. all three days; 2006 Fall Festival, Oct. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and 2006 Christmas at the Canyon, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At these events, the Early American Crafters, the Civil War reenactors, and other historical groups take us back in time as they recreate history in the mid-1800s.

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## Fulton's Dutch Days

The annual Dutch Days celebration is held the first weekend in May.

Fulton Dutch heritage is celebrated by wearing wooden shoes (klompen) and authentic costumes.

Klompen dancing, street scrubbing and a parade are part of the festivities. Visitors can also enjoy fresh Dutch pastries, food, an arts and crafts show and a visit to Heritage Canyon.

The first permanent Dutch settler arrived at what was to become the city of Fulton in 1835.

It has never been explained why so many Holland immigrants were attracted to this small Midwestern area. The Dutch came in small numbers at first. In 1872 there



Dutch Dancers (from left) Amy Knight, Olivia Daley and Camryn Simmons wait for dancing to begin.

were only 59 families. This grew to 198 families in only 19 years. Nearly all of these immigrants were members of the Dutch Reformed Church.

The editorial comment at the time was that they made industrious, law-abiding citi-

zens.

An unknown local reporter wrote, "Their great fortune then was that they were all about evenly poor."

The number of immigrants decreased gradually until after World War II, when a

small number of families came over.

In 1974, the Community Christian School Auxiliary organized the first authentic Dutch dinner. From this the entire festival has developed.

Dutch Days activities include: Dutch dancing (Friday & Saturday), Dutch meal (Friday evening), Dutch costumes (Friday & Saturday), Dutch pastries (Friday & Saturday), Dutch Treasures Room (Friday & Saturday), Hindeloopen painting demonstrations and sales, bobbin lacemaking demonstrations and sales, children's pedal tractor pull, parade (Saturday), windmill tours (Friday, Saturday & Sunday), Early American Crafters at Heritage Canyon (Friday & Saturday), large arts and crafts fair (Friday & Saturday) and food vendors.

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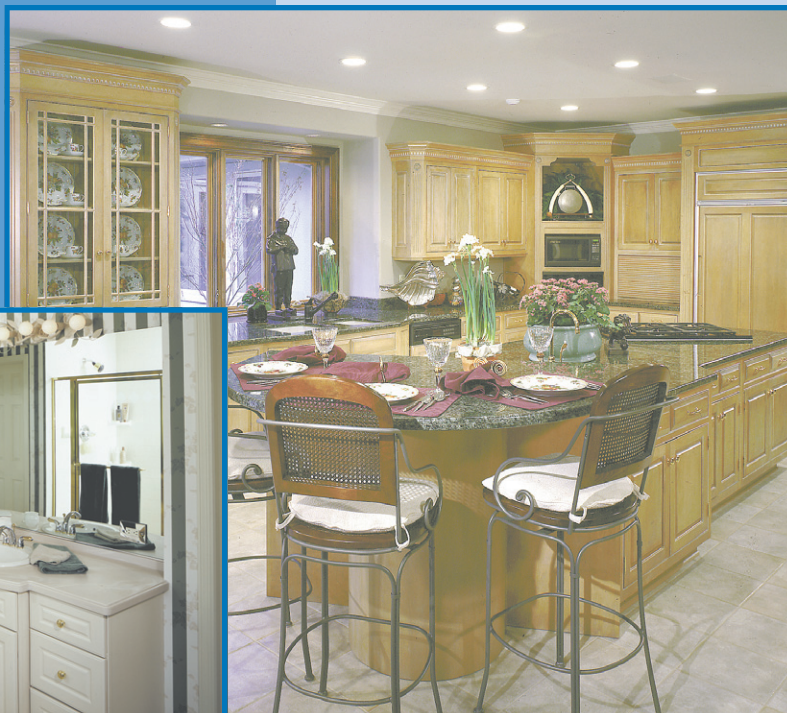
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**"Thoroughly Modern Millie," June 1 to 11:** TLP

has done it again. It is one of the first theaters in the country to nab the rights to the scintillating new show,

"Thoroughly Modern Millie," hot off its National Tour. Join Millie Dillmount as she arrives in Manhattan at the height of the Jazz Age, 1922.

Will this small town girl survive in a world of flappers, with their bobbed hair and raising hemlines? This dance-extravaganza, in the style of such family classics as "Anything Goes" and "42nd Street," was Broadway's most-awarded new show in 2002.

**"The Philadelphia Story," June 15 to 24:**

Tracy Lord is the spoiled daughter of a privileged

family. When a gossip column reporter arrives to find out about Tracy's wedding arrangements, it begins a love-hate triangle that is quite possibly one of the funniest ever written.

**"Urinetown," June 29 to July 9 (no performance July 4:**

"A bad title that could kill a show pretty good," states Little Sally in "Urinetown's" opening number.

True, but laughter from the audiences made this musical one of Broadway's recent big hits. Ribbing shows like "Les Miserables," this spoof tells of a town plagued by a water shortage.

When private toilets are outlawed and a tax is instat-

ed that forces the citizens to "pay to go," it begins a revolution unlike anything you've ever seen.

**"Tom, Dick & Harry,"**

**July 13 to 22:** The title of this zany new farce by Ray (Funny Money) and Michael Cooney refers to three crazy brothers. As Tom and his wife await a visit from the adoption agency to see if they qualify for a child, Dick and Harry's money-making schemes bring everything from cadavers, illegal aliens and the Russian mafia into their home. Filled with gut-busting laughs!

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**“Ain’t Misbehavin,”**  
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show!” said The New York Times.

Timber Lake Playhouse came into existence in 1961 as a not-for-profit professional summer stock theatre, dedicated to providing a center for cultural opportunity for developing artists and a showcase of quality theater for the residents of the Midwest, particularly in Northwestern Illinois and Eastern Iowa. Timber Lake Playhouse is the oldest continuous operating summer theater in Illinois.

Since Timber Lake Playhouse first opened its doors on June 28, 1962, the playhouse has presented more than 290 plays and musicals and more than 3,200 performances. TLP is proud of its national reputation for excellence as a

professional summer stock theater.

The Timber Lake Playhouse is unique from other summer theater companies by its challenging choice of repertory: The mix of musicals, new plays and contemporary classics. Many TLP alumni have gone on to film, television and Broadway — a proud tradition and that will hopefully continue.

The present theater building (erected after a fire destroyed the original frame structure in 1974) houses a wide semi-thrust stage with a revolve and 375 fixed seats. Behind the theater are 10 smaller buildings used for costumes, scene and paint shops and housing for the company.

# Brick Street Saturday

Enjoy a fun-filled day in downtown Mount Carroll the Saturday following Labor Day, Sept. 9 Brick Street Saturday.

Shop specials will be available the entire day.

Enjoy a taste of Mount Carroll at local eating establishments.

Sample foods offered by local community groups all day and listen to the “Mystery Band.”

A farmer’s market will be in operation from 7 a.m. until noon.

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**May 27 to 28:** Spring jamboree, downtown, car show and 3D Sound, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, live music Sunday.

**May 29:** Memorial Day Services. Annual Memorial Day Services at Savanna Township Cemetery by American Legion and VFW Post, 10:30 a.m.

**June 16:** Firemen's Ball, city parking lot, 7 p.m. to midnight. Bring your own coolers and lawn chairs.

**June 23:** River Front Festival, Marquette Park. Entertainment provided by "We're Late and Smell Like Beer" — a hybrid of Zydeco music, Mississippi Delta Blues, jazz and rockabilly, which streams like a musical jambalaya. Beverages for all ages and food, 6 p.m., live music 7 to 11 p.m.

**July 29 to 30:** Master Gardeners of Carroll County will conduct

Savanna garden tours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Aug. 19 to 20:** Big River Block Party, downtown, Entertainment by The Legends and Graffiti Unlimited.

**Sept. 23:** Taste of Music Festival, Main Street. A day of live music in downtown Savanna.

Craft and food booths available, car and motorcycle show and "Race in Place." Parade kicks off the

event.

**Sept. 30:** 75th Anniversary Party for Shaw Leavens Post 2223, Veterans of Foreign Wars. There will be a hog roast with local businesses providing live musical entertainment.

**Oct. 28:** Spook Walk, Old Mill Park. Spooks, goblins, Plum River Creatures of the night haunt Old Mill Park's woods from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission \$3 per person.

## SAVANNA

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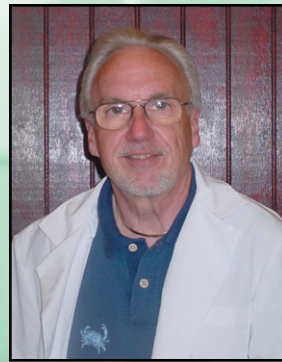
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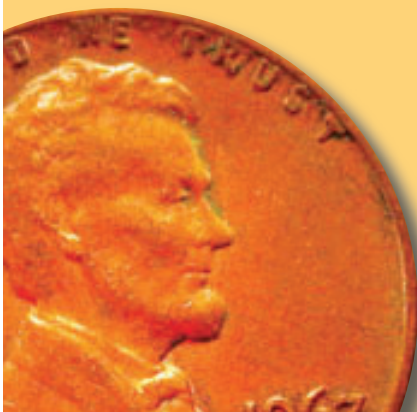
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