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Clinton was first known as New York

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.

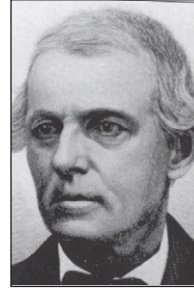
Chancy had grown rapidly because of the large number of workers attracted to the area by the lumber mills and railroad shops.

A movement for the annexation of Chancy had been in progress for several years

when a “blue ribbon” committee composed of leaders of both communities 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,



Buell

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

1895, when at a special election, consolidation with 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.

Its wealth was reflected by the numerous mansions concentrated on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues south.


The city continues to be known today for its industrial base and its ties to the river.

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Ericksen Center




Riverview Pool



Eagle Point Lodge

- The **Ericksen Community Center** is located at 1401 11th Ave. in Clinton, Iowa. Open from 8am-7pm June-May and Sept.-Nov. and from 8am-4:30pm July-Aug. The Center offers a wide variety of programs: softball, tennis, basketball and flag football. This facility is available for party rentals.
- **Riverview Pool** is located by Clinton Riverfront. Season hours are June 2-Aug. 19 Monday-Friday 1pm-7:30pm, Sat./Sun. 1pm-6pm. The pool is available (at specific times & days) for rental.
- Picturesque **Eagle Point Lodge** overlooks the Mississippi River and is nestled atop Eagle Point Park. Available for rent year round for any occasion.



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Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

311 Riverview Drive

The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre opens its 2006 season June 7 with the musical "Always... Patsy Cline." The show runs through June 17.

"Lend Me a Tenor" will be on stage from June 21 to July 5 and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will be presented July 11 to 22. "You Can't Take It With You" is set for July 26 to Aug. 5 and "Chicago, The Musical" will be performed Aug. 9 to 19.

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 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 created, 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.

She is now home to the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre.

Contact: 243-6760



Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

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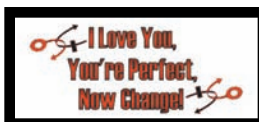
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Curtis Mansion/ Clinton Women's Club

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This restored Victorian home of Lumber Baron George M. Curtis is a fine example of period architecture with its original Tiffany glass windows, delicately carved banisters, ornate wood trim and massive fireplaces. Rich in the history of the area, this mansion makes an elegant backdrop for special events.

It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours are available by special appointment or during the summer months from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday. There is an admission fee.

Built in 1885, it is one of the few remaining homes built during the years of the Clinton lumber barons.

Curtis, a Clinton industrialist, was one of the founders of the Curtis Brothers Co. in 1866.

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Situated in the northern section of Clinton is one of the best assets of our fair city, beautiful Eagle Point Park — well-maintained, unusual and very delightful.

Even if you don't have the time to stop, a drive through the park will prove to be thoroughly enjoyable and scenic. Eagle Point Park has come a long way since its early beginnings.

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 unemployed. 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 completely 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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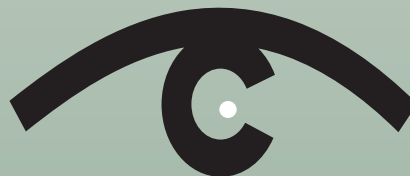


learning about our world — a place where children play to learn and adults learn to play! It is a hands-on children's museum with several educational exhibits and lots of fun things to do. The museum also houses some of Adler's costumes and per-

sonal memorabilia. Family memberships and Association of Children's Museums (ACM) memberships are available. Museum hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and most Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

The facility is available by appointment for field trips, special tours and birthday parties.

Contact Theo Smith at 243-3600 or 243-3356. The Web site is www.felixalder.com.



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Contact: 242-1201

Gateway Contemporary Ballet



P.O. Box 1183

Clinton's resident dance company, Gateway Contemporary Ballet has been bringing the delight of classical and modern dance to the area for more than 15 years — whether it's a full-length ballet in spring, free riverfront concerts in summer or a showcase of guest artists in the fall. The GCB also performs with other artistic organizations and for various clubs, festivals and benefits,

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Contact: 243-3300

Soaring Eagle Nature Center

3923 N. Third St.

The Nature Barn is open for special events throughout the year and during the school term for environmental education classes. Hiking trails, natural prairie, wetlands area and one-room school are located at the Nature Center.

Contact: 242-9088

Annual Eagle Watch

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Thomson Park Rangers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Soaring Eagle Nature Center co-host a special Eagle Watch Day during peak sea-



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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The field is limited to 128 nonprofessional players.

The Women's 8-Ball is a \$1,500 added tournament with the field limited to 64 players.

Contact: Lassiter's in Clinton at 243-6179.



B-rrry Scurry

This is the first Saturday in February. This four-mile run/walk celebrated its 25th year in 2006. Almost 1,000 people participate in the event each year.

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derful spread of free food at the Goodie Garage following the race, free post-race party, door prizes and specially-designed medals to the winners in 12 age categories.

Contact: Anne Schmidt,

244-7050, or by e-mail at aschmidt@eicc.edu.

Lyons Farmers Market

This is a seasonal open-air market open from May

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Contact: Diane Miller,
242-2997

Art in the Park

Art in the Park will celebrate its 45th year on the spacious green of Riverview Park on June 16.

The art fair features 100



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• Mason's Annual Breakfast

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Lyons Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 2nd

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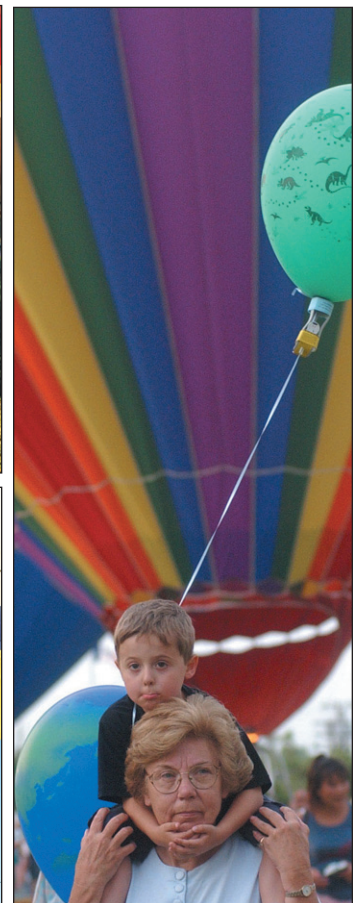
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Balloons in June

Balloons in June, a colorful hot-air extravaganza, will be presented an eighth straight year in June. This is a fun, family event. There is no entry fee for balloonists who participate and no admission fee for the public. Balloons in June is a free event.

Contact: Paul Schneider at 242-9174.



Balloons In June

Thursday, June 21 thru Sunday, June 24, 2007



Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 21

8:30 pm: Mass Balloon Display - 5th Avenue South

Friday, June 22

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 23

6:00 am: Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport

6:00- 11:00 am: Pancake Breakfast at the Airport Aero Club

8:00 am: Crafts and Concessions

8:00 am: Moon Walk for the Kids

8:00 am: Antique Airplane Fly In and Display

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 24

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Riverboat Days

Clinton Riverboat Days 2007 will be a three-day event and will run from July 6 to July 8.

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.

The rock group Cheap Trick will be among the celebrity entertainment to perform during the annual Riverboat Days celebration. The band will perform July 6.

Cheap Trick's roots lie in Fuse, a late-'60s Rockford, Ill., band formed by Rick Nielsen and bassist Tom Petersson. In 1973, Nielsen and Petersson named their band Cheap Trick after adding drummer Bun E.



Carlos and vocalist Randy "Xeno" Hogan. Hogan left the following year and ex-folk singer Robin Zander joined the group.

Between 1974 and the

band's first album in 1977, Cheap Trick toured constantly, playing over 200 concerts a year, including opening slots for Queen, The Kinks, Kiss, and Santana.

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show. During the Queen tour Rick wrote a "journal" for a Japanese music magazine that would familiarize Cheap Trick with the Japanese long before their records would be released there.

Petersson left the group in the summer of 1980 but rejoined the band in 1988. The year 1998 saw the band rebuilding by trying to restore normal relations with Sony and the music retail community and establishing their own record company; Cheap Trick Unlimited. Cheap Trick went into Bearsville Studios in Woodstock, N.Y., in March 2002 where the lads put together song by song their first studio album in six years — Special One.



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Trophies are awarded in several classes and the event is open to the public.

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, 511

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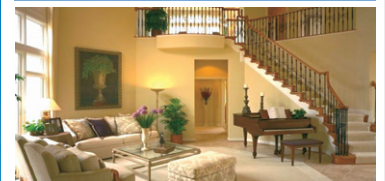
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June 22-24 Balloons in June
July 4-8 Clinton Jaycees Carnival
July 6-8 Clinton Riverboat Days
July 10 Arts at the Arb
August 4 Corn on the Corner and Autos on the Avenue
August 9-12 Camanche Days
August 12 Rod & Custom Car Show
August 14 Arts at the Arb
August 25 Butterfly Fest
September 4 Arts at the Arb
September 7-8 Frontier Days/Lyons Street Dance
November 2 Denim & Diamonds
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Corn On The Corner

The Clinton Convention & Visitors will host "Corn On The Corner" in downtown Clinton in August.

Collaborating with Clinton County Iowa State 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.

There will also be a petting zoo consisting of animals that are found on the Iowa farm scene.

For adults, there will be a

What is Corn on the Corner?

After hurricane damage led to a cancellation of the Aug. 26, 2006, 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.

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.

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What would the festival be without hot, buttery corn on the cob?

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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. The Symphony of Lights was brought to Clinton in November 1996, by two non-profit organizations — the Clinton Jaycee Foundation and Clinton Symphony Orchestra. These organizations founded the

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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 con-

tinue 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 takes place in November at Eagle Point Park in Clinton.

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

The course will be entirely within Eagle Point Park.

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Symphony of Lights Family Walk

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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,

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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.

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 completed are major renovations to the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre and Riverview Pool, which will be transformed into a modern aquatic center.

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expected to be built, 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 seamlessly, 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

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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.

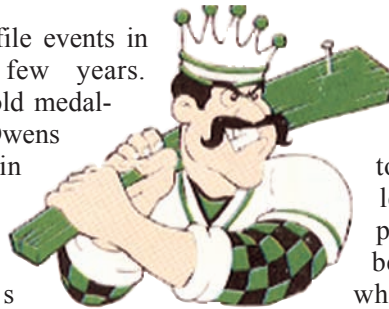
The stadium hosted sever-

al 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 legendary 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."

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The Clinton Cubs won consecutive Central Association championships in 1947 and 1948.

Fifteen years later, the Clinton C-Sox won the Midwest League crown by finishing first in both the season's first and second halves and finishing with an 83-41 overall record.

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 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.

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The 84,000-square-foot school, which was designed to accommodate up to 600 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, was dedicated on April 8. It was almost two years to the date the first shovel of dirt was turned over to start construction.

The project cost approximately \$11 million, paid for with money generated through the local option sales tax and a \$1 million Harkin Construction Grant.

The building was con-



Eagle Heights Elementary School

structed with all students in mind. Its classrooms are arranged in pods with two regular education classrooms and a special education support classroom in each group.

A geothermal source heats and cools the building and the architects created a feeling of

space and volume with use of natural light flowing in from the second story windows.

The impressive building, which sits on the corner of 723 Second Ave. South, has been described by many as a dream come true.

Also under construction is

the new Eagle Heights Elementary School that is set to open this fall and will replace Horace Mann and Elijah Buell elementary schools.

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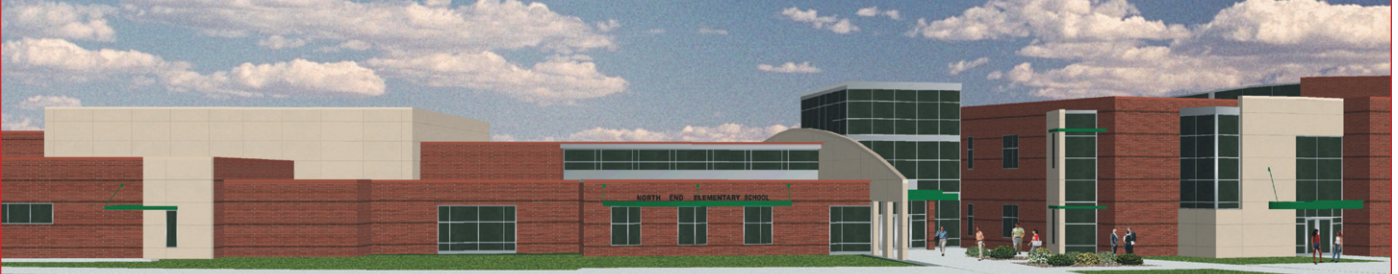
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The future is taking shape at Eagle Heights Elementary

Construction on the new Eagle Heights Elementary School is right on schedule for completion in July 2007. If you haven't driven by lately, take a look!



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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 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...."

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 names of members.

Another meeting was held in December and another committee was named to present a constitution and by-laws for the new association. 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. Quayle served as president until July 4, 1891, and was succeeded by A.P.

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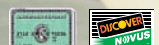


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YMCA

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Barker. 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 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.

Preliminary plans and drawings were submitted at the directors' meeting on June 5, 1901.

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“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



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

“Any woman properly introduced or giving satisfactory reference as to character,

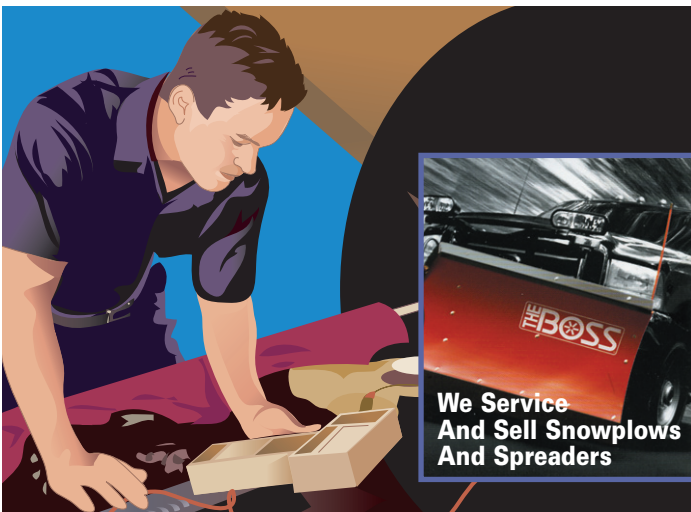
recommended by the membership committee and elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting,” was qualification for membership.

Regular membership dues were \$1 per annum, payable in advance. Junior girls ages 12 to 18 paid 50 cents in

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when the organization accepted the former Lafayette Lamb 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.

It 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. The shelter opened in September 1978.

An active, educational program was developed at the center.

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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.

It also would add a handicapped accessible counseling room and renovate a space for an indoor play area for children in the shelter.

It would also develop a multipurpose space, and expand the wellness center with an addition of a second floor, remodel locker rooms, accommodate handicapped individuals and meet fire and safety codes.

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• 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.

• Eagle Point Park/Eagle Point Lodge

North Third Street & Stockwell Lane. Acres: 205 Park area includes ball fields, basketball, cross-country skiing area, playground equipment, concessions, picnic tables and grills, restrooms and shelters.

• Riverview Park

Sixth Avenue South to Ninth Ave. North at River. 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.

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Clinton County Fair

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At that 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.

Poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits and dairy exhibits will be checked in.

Milking cows will check in Thursday morning.

Swine and beef will weigh in that day also and a dog show will be held.

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 of the meritorious service award, senior recognition and Communications Day recognition.

The annual fashion review will also be held on Friday.

Llamas will be shown 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 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.

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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"Fortunately while health care and the needs of the

people have been changing, Mercy has been changing as well. One can see how the evolution of health care has taken shape."

The beginning of Mercy Medical Center — Clinton was described by Estelle LePrevost Youle in the "History of Clinton County" published in 1946.

Jane Lamb Hospital had its inception in the year 1889 when a group of Clinton women in the Presbyterian Church, known as the King's Daughters, developed the germ of the motive. They interested women in other church groups and all of them talked to the men.

As a result the Agatha Hospital Association was formed. The name Agatha had been selected by the women because of its bibli-

cal significance.

It was in 1889 that Rev. James A. Murray came to Clinton, purposely sent by the Dubuque Diocese to establish a parish in the north part of the city.

The young cleric university trained in Ireland, had abundant energy and so stimulated the Catholic residents of the city that by 1892 the Phillip Deeds residential property in the south part of Lyons had been acquired from heirs and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital Association formed under the authority of Archbishop Hennessy of Dubuque.

Agatha Hospital accepted its first patient in 1889. A total of seven patients were admitted the first year of operation.

The first patient in St. **HOSPITAL**, continued on 56

Joseph's Mercy Hospital was Lon Chris Bertelsen, admitted for typhoid fever.

In 1893, Agatha Hospital had 57 patients admitted throughout the year, with an average stay of 31.5 days. The same year, there were 49 patient admissions at Mercy.

The first addition to Mercy Hospital came in 1894 providing nearly 50 patient beds. The first baby was born at the hospital in May 1896. This was a very uncommon practice of the time, since the second baby wasn't born in the hospital until September of the same year. The Agatha Circle Auxiliary was formed in 1896 with the intent of maintaining the Sunbeam Ward

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opened in 1908.

The original Agatha Hospital building was razed and a new nurses' home was built in its place in 1908. This home was made possible by a donation from Mrs. Emma Lamb Young.

The nursing school course requirements were expanded from a two-year program to one of three years.

Another addition was built across the front of the existing Agatha Hospital building that year, bringing capacity to 50 beds and 23 student nurses.

An isolation ward was built back into the hillside for the purpose of caring for patients with contagious dis-

eases.

A second addition was added to Mercy Hospital in 1913, an addition referred to as the, "new wing," giving the hospital total bed capacity of 100.

The M.A. Disbrow mansion at 1000 S. Ninth St., Lyons, (the street name changed later to North Fourth Street), was acquired and converted into a home for student nurses at Mercy Hospital in 1918 and the nursing school Alumni Association was established.

The front drive leading up the hill to the main entrance at Mercy was impassable during winter weather, forcing patients to be carried up from Fourth Street to the hospital.

This was remedied when the drive was paved at a cost of \$10,000 in 1920.

Agatha Hospital was renamed Jane Lamb Memorial Hospital on Jan. 25, 1923. Another hospital addition was completed at that time, financed by Emma Lamb Young. The hospital was renamed in honor of Emma's mother.

The addition brought the hospital's capacity to 100 beds and 12 bassinets.

Both hospitals had construction in 1953. In early February 1962, a Mercy Hospital fund drive began for a new \$2.5 million building project was laid out. A Clinton Herald headline on Dec. 13, 1962, blazed "\$850,000 Hospital Fund Drive Starts."

On Oct. 9, 1987, officials of both Mercy and Jane Lamb began discussions regarding the future of health care in Clinton.

January 1989 saw St. Joseph Mercy Hospital combined with Jane Lamb Health Center too to form Samaritan Health System, a Delaware non stock, not-for-profit membership corporation.

The two members were Samaritan Health Care Foundation and Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation of Farmington Hills, Mich.

With completion of the merger, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital became Samaritan North and Jane Lamb Health Care Center became Samaritan South.

Later, Samaritan and other sister Mercy Health Services facilities in Mason City, Sioux City, and Dubuque joined Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines forming what is now the Mercy Health Network.


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CLINTON — In comparison to older organizations celebrating Clinton's Sesquicentennial, Clinton Community College is still in its formative years and growing.

Established in 1946, CCC is celebrating 60 years of progress in 2006.

In March 1947, Clinton residents voted to establish a two-year college. Clinton Junior College officially came into existence on Sept. 9 of that year.

Housed in the Clinton High School building, the first day enrollment was 86, with more than half of the students being World War II veterans.

Because the college was

located at the high school, it was operated as a division of the Clinton public school system. When the college moved to its new location on Lincoln Boulevard on Sept. 16, 1965, enrollment had grown to 555 day students. It was during that school year the junior college name was changed to Clinton Community College and in July 1966, the college became part of the Eastern Iowa Community College District.

The first dean of the college was Paul B. Sharar and the college's foundation now bears his name. He was instrumental in gaining support for the new building and worked hard to obtain federal matching fund for the construction.

A bond issue to support the construction passed with a 94 percent favorable vote.

From 1967 through 1977,

Dean F. Travis served as dean and then as president of the college. Because of his leadership, the college increased enrollment, added new programs, doubled its facilities with a new addition and gained North Central accreditation.

In 1985 under the leadership of Bert Purga, a business and industry center was established and articulation and cooperative agreements were developed with many four-year colleges.

The Graphic Arts and Technology Center of Iowa, located on Manufacturing Drive, opened its doors March 3, 1994. It was constructed through a partnership of education, business and government entities.

The center currently houses the College's graphic and printing communications program, technical drafting and

computer aided design program and the Business and Industry Center.

By 2005, the enrollment had grown to just less than 1,400 students. According to Clinton Community College President Karen Vickers, CCC is a comprehensive community college. It offers credit as well as not-for-credit courses as well as business and industry courses and GED classes.

"When you say courses, it just encompasses a lot of stuff," she said.

One area that has seen a lot of growth is the college courses offered to area high school students.

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"Everybody has been very much on board and receptive to the changes that have been necessary. I've been extremely pleased with the way everything has gone."

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Tonia Schaver is busy at her work station as Ashford University's online facility at Lyons Business and Technology Park is now operational. The new facility employs nearly 100 workers and Ashford is still hiring for positions at the site.

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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



Red Hat Ladies take part in a recent Camanche Days parade.

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.

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Michael and Rebecca Rector take a boat ride at the Camanche Days Carnival.

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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.

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

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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 organized 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.

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create a rapid growth in population, business, industry and construction. Grain and pork were bought in large quantity for

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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.

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The second building was a small cabin on the riverbank

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2007 Community Events:

Dutch Days Festival May 4-5, 2007 (first weekend in May)

Residents of Fulton celebrate their Dutch heritage. Activities include: Dutch Dancing, Dutch Community Dinner, Music, Arts & Crafts, Parade, Various Food Vendors, Dutch Presentations, Windmill Tours and much more. Early American Crafters re-enact life as it was in the 1800's at Heritage Canyon - May 4, 5 & 6, 2007 from 10am to 4pm.

National Night Out & Car Show July 28, 2007 (last Saturday in July)

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.

Lincoln Buy-Way Sales Event August 9-11, 2007

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Fall Festival October 13-14, 2007 (2nd weekend in October)

Downtown Fulton and Heritage Canyon 10am-2pm
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Christmas Walk December 7-8, 2007 5pm - 7pm (first Fri. & following Sat. in December)

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 8, 2007 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm (Illuminated Walk).

Annual Bald Eagle Watch January 5, 2008 (last Saturday in January)

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

For more information, please visit our website at www.cityoffulton.us or call 815-589-4545

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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 ferries ran between the Illinois and Iowa banks. The County Commissioners'



Dutch Days takes place the first weekend of May in Fulton, Ill.

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.

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.

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June 28 - July 8

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WHITE CHRISTMAS

July 26 - August 5

This classic film comes to life in a brand new musical, just adapted for the stage! Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob & Phil's former army commander. Every song is a hit in this dazzling score that features such gems as "Count Your Blessings," "Sisters," "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep is the Ocean" and the perennial favorite, "White Christmas."

DRACULA

June 14 - June 23

TLP will host the world premiere of this epic, new version of the famous vampire tale, taken straight from Bram Stoker's terrifying novel. It is adapted and directed by Brad Lyons - the man behind such TLP blood-curdlers as *Voices in the Dark*, *The Woman in Black* and *Dial M for Murder*. Mr. Lyons knows how to scare an audience ... and this gothic thriller promises to be no exception! "Contains scenes of violence and gore."

FUNNY MONEY

July 12 - July 21

From the author of *Tom, Dick & Harry* (Ray Cooney) comes another hilarious and fast paced farce! Henry Perkins brings home the wrong brief case and opens it to find it's loaded with millions in cash! Figuring it to be illicit drug money, he decides to keep it. But when the man with *Henry's* briefcase is found dead, riddled with bullets, the plot quickly becomes a three ring circus. Henry's attempts to get out of trouble only lead to hysterical situation after situation!

SMOKY JOE'S CAFE

August 9 - August 19

"An electrifying work of art" is what the *New York Times* calls this effervescent musical revue celebrating the prolific team of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Defining the golden age of Rock 'n' Roll with hits for Elvis, the Drifters, Dion, the Coasters, Ben E. King and many other pop legends, the dance party at Smokey Joe's Cafe showcases over 40 classic tunes including *Jailhouse Rock*, *Hound Dog*, *Love Potion #9*, *On Broadway*, *Kansas City*, *Spanish Harlem*, *Don't Be Cruel* and *Stand By Me*. The Grammy Award-winning score weaves an extraordinary string of hits into a powerful piece of musical theatre!

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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 fur-

nishings. 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.

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This authentic Dutch windmill was constructed on the flood control dike in the heart of Fulton.

The windmill was engineered and pre-fabricated in the Netherlands and shipped to the United States in containers by ship, rail and truck transportation. Dutch millwrights and masons traveled to the United States on three separate occasions and rebuilt



the windmill in Fulton. The windmill is fully operational. The entire head (or cap) can turn and the sails move by wind power. The mill is also fully functional

with a set of blue basalt millstones that can produce a variety of flours. Stone-ground buckwheat, corn, rye, and wheat flours are all manufactured at the wind-

mill and are for sale in the gift shop.

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floors with various machineries and millers can grind approximately one bushel of grain every 10 minutes, wind permitting.

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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 handi-

cap 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

The historic civil war era home, known today as the Martin House Museum, originally was built in 1855 by Dr. Abraham Benton. The museum houses many treasures and artifacts unique to Fulton's history.

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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 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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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 eyecore to the community with its junk and dilapidated



Shops, a town hall, general store, church and homes are among the buildings in Heritage Canyon in Fulton, Ill.

shacks. 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.

They changed the quarry, keeping two goals in mind:

Preserve Midwestern history, emphasizing detail and authenticity; and disturb nature as little as possible as each building is added.

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.

Donations only, except on specials days when a \$2 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 2007 Dutch Days Festival.

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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The Galena and Chicago Union Railroad didn't make money by caving in to unreasonable demands. They opted



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

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

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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 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 one more vote and Morrison was chosen as the seat of Whiteside County government.

Balloons In June

Thursday, June 21 thru Sunday, June 24, 2007



Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 21

8:30 pm: Mass Balloon Display - 5th Avenue South

Friday, June 22

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 23

6:00 am: Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport

6:00- 11:00 am: Pancake Breakfast at the Airport Aero Club

8:00 am: Crafts and Concessions

8:00 am: Moon Walk for the Kids

8:00 am: Antique Airplane Fly In and Display

9:00 am: Volleyball Tournament

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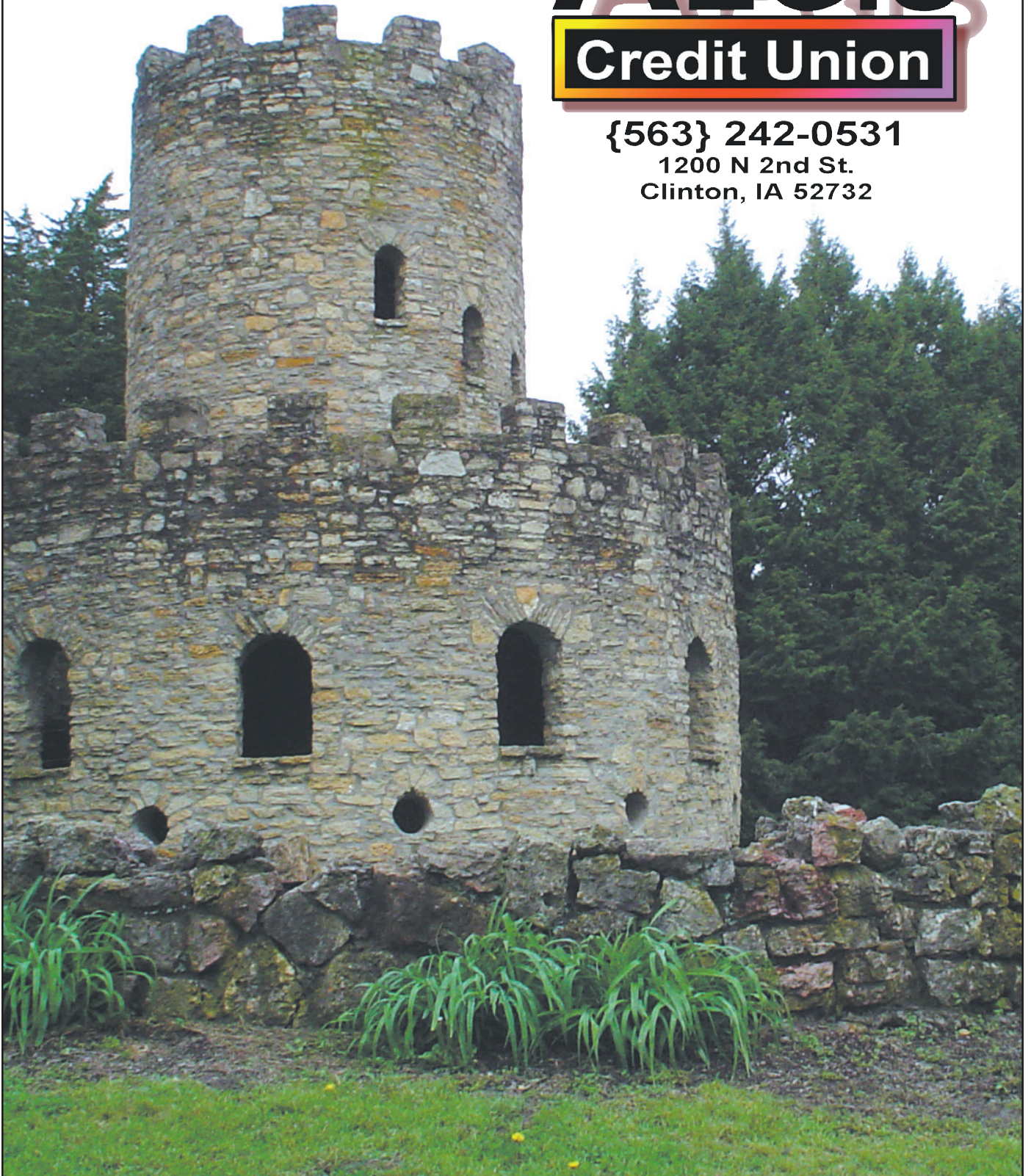


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1971 and officially opened for day-use only that same year. The park is named for the city of Morrison and a combination of nearby Rock Creek and the heavily wooded park area — Rockwood. Lake Carlton, a focal point of the park, is a watershed impoundment 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. Improvements have continued to be made in the conservation area, making it one of the most popular recreation spots in northern Illinois.

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Initial stocking of the lake was completed in 1970 and the lake has been managed since then to maintain a plen-

tiful fishing variety. Anglers may catch large-mouth 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.

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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.

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 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.

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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

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Contact: Thomson Park Rangers, P.O. Box 398, 823 Main St., Thomson, (815) 259-3628.

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The Whiteside County Fair will take place from Aug. 14 to 18 in Morrison, Ill.

Whiteside County Fair

The Whiteside County Fair is getting ready for another five days of great entertainment this year, beginning the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 14

and running right through the Saturday, Aug. 18 finale.

The 137th annual fair, held at the fairgrounds in Morrison, will start and end with a bang, with the crowd-pleasing demolition derbies remaining as the opening and

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Tuesday, Aug. 14, is the first demolition derby of the fair. It will feature the Morrison vs. Sterling Grudge Match that you don't want to miss.

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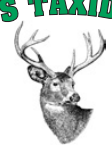
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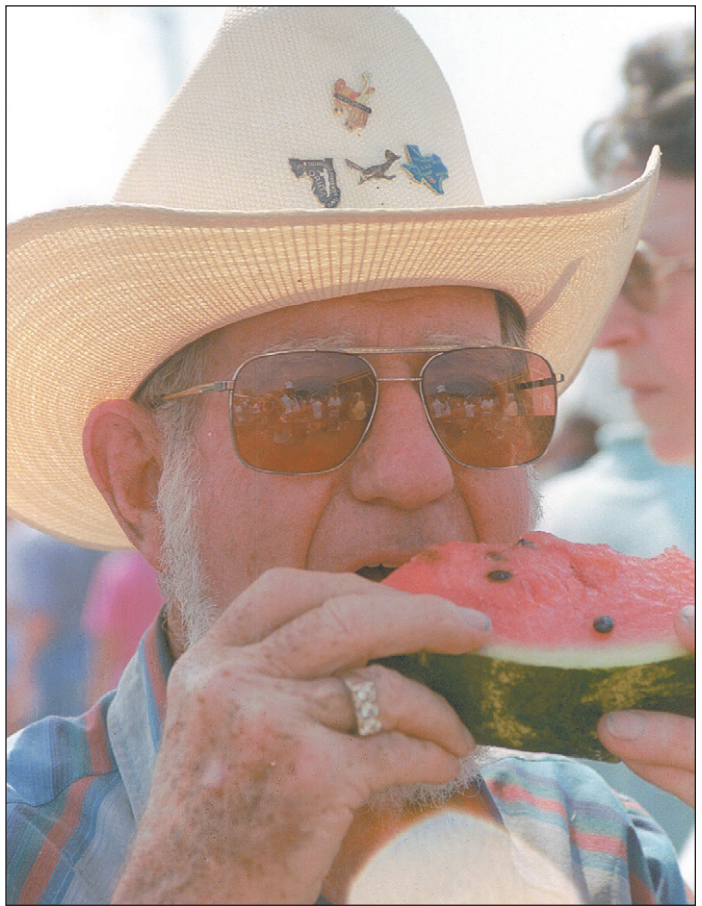
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RIGHT: Jim Hendrick of Savanna, Ill., stuffs his mouth full of watermelon while at Melon Days, which takes place in Thomson, Ill., each Labor Day weekend. ABOVE: Melon Days also features a parade as part of the celebration.



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