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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.

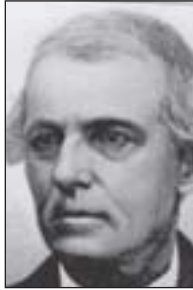
The original tiny townsite of New York, with one store building owned by J.M. Bartlett, was renamed Clinton after it had been purchased in 1838 by Capt. C. G. Pearce of Cincinnati, Col. Beal Randall of Baltimore and a Col. Jennings.

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.



Buell

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

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, 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.

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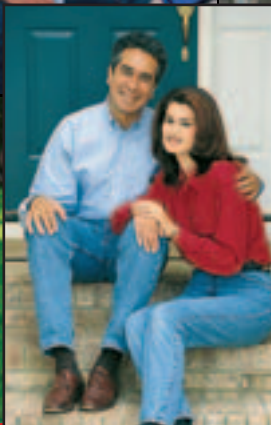
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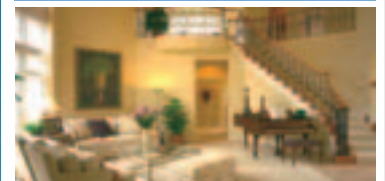
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Her oaken paddlewheel, rebuilt in 1980, is approximately 32 feet in diameter. It was powered by two Marietta compound stern wheel engines that required 25 to 75 tons of coal a day. These engines produced 1,000 horsepower.

For 25 years, The Omar pushed barges up and down the Ohio River. Then in 1962, the Ohio River



The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

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.

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Clinton's Eagle Point Park

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



The bridge in Eagle Point Park

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 con-

structed 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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tive displays with hands-on experiences to promote exploring, discovery and 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-

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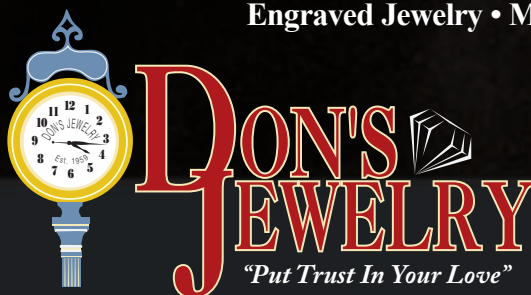
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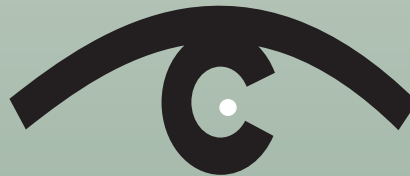
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Balloons in June

Balloons in June, a colorful hot-air extravaganza, will be presented a ninth straight year from June 20-22.

"This is a fun, family event," said Paul Schneider of Clinton.

The schedule

Friday, June 20

6:00 p.m. Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport

6:00 p.m. Crafts and Concessions

6:00 p.m. until Dusk Tethered Balloon Rides (\$10 per person)

6:00 p.m. Moon Walks for the Kids

8:00 pm. Night Glow at Clinton Municipal Airport "Balloons light up the night sky"

Saturday, June 21

5:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Clinton Aero Club Pancake



Breakfast

6:00 a.m. Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport

6:00 a.m. Antique Airplane Fly-In and on dis-

play afterward

8:00 a.m. Crafts and Concessions

8:00 a.m. Moon Walk for the Kids

8:00 a.m. Volleyball Tournament - Check-in

8:45 a.m. Volleyball Tournament - Captains Meeting

9:00 a.m. Volleyball Tournament - Play Begins

6:00 p.m. Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport

6:00 p.m. until dusk Tethered Balloon Rides (\$10 per person)

8:00 p.m. Night Glow at Clinton Municipal Airport "Balloons light up the night sky"

Sunday, June 22

5:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Clinton Aero Club Pancake Breakfast

6:00 a.m. Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly - At Clinton Municipal Airport

Contact: Paul Schneider at 242-9174

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Concept drawing of Wild Rose Casino



Good-bye Belle... Hello Wild Rose!

Mississippi Belle II/ Wild Rose Casino

2006 was a year of change and growth for the Mississippi Belle II Riverboat Casino. In June, Wild Rose Entertainment purchased the riverboat from the Robert Kehl family. The West Des Moines based company immediately made changes to accommodate and serve their players better. During the first phase of transition a more spacious floor design was implemented, changes were made to enhance the buffet selections and a higher reinvestment budget was created to attract new players.

The group also unveiled plans to build a 115,000 square-foot land-based facility, which includes a 28,000 square-foot single-level casino, 60 room hotel, 1000 seat events center and themed restaurant and buffet. The vision was to develop a first-class gaming facility that would hark back to Clinton's rich history by employing architectural elements of the Van Allen Building designed by Louis Sullivan in the early 1900's. The property is slated to open in mid 2008.



Marina Amenities in Clinton

Transient boaters will delight in the approximately 4,000 square feet of space that will be a feature in the new amenities building that will include showers, lounge and a marine store for transient boaters. The upper floor of the building will boast a bar and grill and the outside of the Marina building will have



a wrap around deck for year-round viewing of the majestic, mighty Mississippi River.

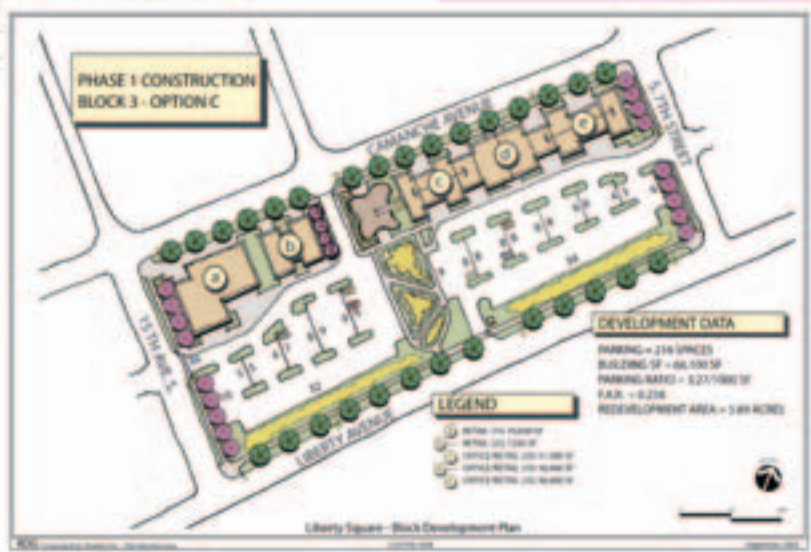
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Liberty Square

The Liberty Square Redevelopment Pilot comprises an area of approximately 220 acres within a State-certified Enterprise Zone in Clinton, Iowa. The area consists of properties in an area bounded by Camanche Avenue, also known as Highway 30, which is part of the Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway in the United States. Additionally, the transportation corridor within the proposed Liberty Square redevelopment area is on the officially designated route of America's Great River Road – a national scenic tourism route.

The City of Clinton's vision for adaptive reuse of the Liberty Square area includes a healthy mix of commercial and light manufacturing businesses as well as some greenspace areas. In conjunction with a proposed major roadway improvement



through the Liberty Square area, this project is expected to serve as an exemplary model for stimulating economic development.

And there's more!

- A new Sawmill Museum is in the works...
- Public art projects, downtown murals are being planned...



Bridge Arches

Serving as the signature and most recognizable feature of the Clinton Iowa Great Places project, these decorative arches will act as a gateway into the state of Iowa as they welcome tourists and all those who cross from Illinois into Iowa via the North and South bridges. Continuing on with the "Clinton on the Mississippi"

theme previously established by the Iowa DOT and the city of Clinton on other transportation projects in the community, the arches will also continue the significant visual improvements that have occurred in the last several years in the Clinton transportation system.

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Riverboat Days

The Clinton RBD Board is announcing many changes to the 2008 Festival, with the board encouraging community members to set aside time to attend this year's festival. Riverboat Days will be from Thursday, July 3, to Saturday, July 5. Past festival-goers favorites such as mud volleyball, tractor pulls and the demolition derby will be back.

The board also is pleased to announce the reunion of the RBD Festival with the Clinton

Jaycee's Carnival. The carnival will once again be found on the festival grounds.

New events for 2008 include ultimate fighting at Alliant Energy Field, mini-tractor pulls and other ground acts. For more information, go to www.riverboatdays.org for ticket and contact information. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the addition of the dirt activities. If interested, call 242-7052.

Also, Clinton Riverboat Days Main Stage Entertainment will kick off

Thursday, July 3, with Dennis DeYoung and the Music of STYX.

Dennis DeYoung is a founding member of the rock group Styx. The Chicago-based band originated in 1962 when 14-year-old DeYoung and brothers John and Chuck Panozzo joined Dennis in the basement of his childhood home to form one of America's most successful and enduring bands. Styx has sold more than 35 million albums worldwide and DeYoung has written eight of their nine top ten singles. Styx

was the only band to ever record four consecutive triple platinum albums. For over four decades, DeYoung has been a singer, songwriter, keyboardist and record producer. He wrote and sang several classics including: "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Best of Times," "Mr. Roboto," "Show Me the Way," "Desert Moon," "Don't Let It End" and the 1979 Peoples Choice Award winner, "Babe." His singing talents have made his voice one of the most recognizable in the world.

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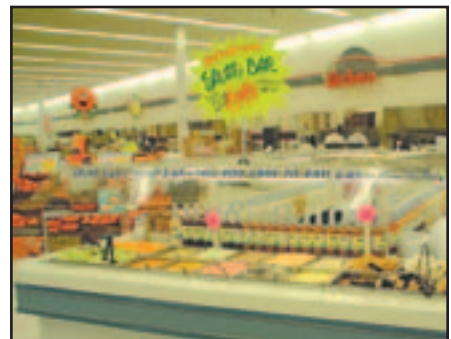
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Corn On The Corner

The Clinton Convention & Visitors will host "Corn On The Corner" during the summer, usually 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 pet-

ting zoo consisting of animals that are found on the Iowa farm scene.

For adults, there will be a bake-off in several categories using corn as the base of the recipe.

There will be the corniest 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.

There will be a beverage tent and music.

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 is a corn box treasure hunt, corn-eating contest, corn-shucking contests, children's tractor races, music and other fun-filled events. There also is 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 korn, 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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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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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 just prior to the event's opening 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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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.

Entry forms can be found at the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

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 at Eagle Point Park.

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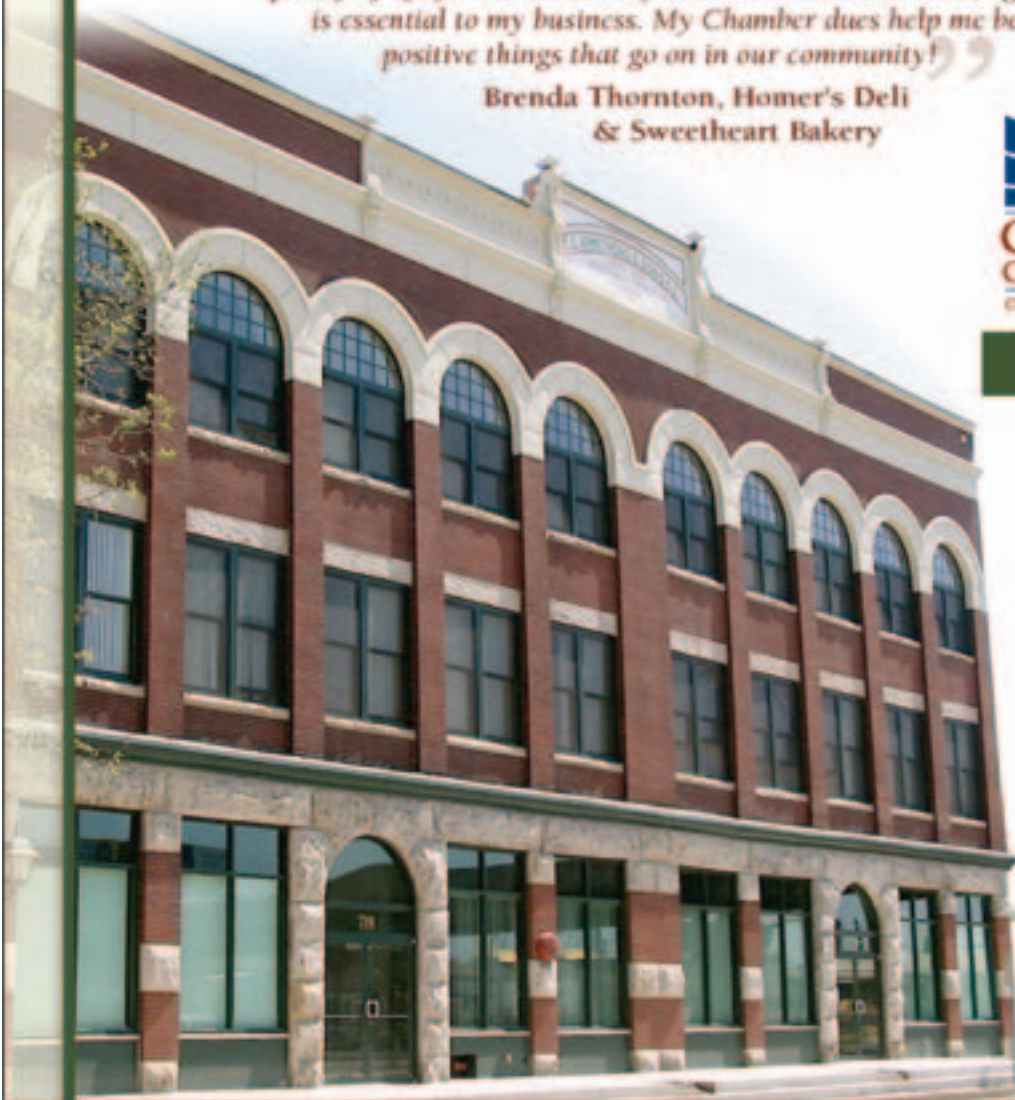
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Riverview Park

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,

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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.

A karaoke singer takes part in Riverboat Days in Riverview Park.



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May-October – Farmer's Market on Main Avenue

May 17-18 – Main Avenue Craft Show

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September 23 – Arts at the Arb

June 14 – Art in the Park

June 19 – "JUNETEENTH" Celebration

June 20-22 – Balloons in June

June 28 – Miss Clinton County Pageant

July 2-5 – Clinton Jaycees Carnival

July 3-5 – Clinton Riverboat Days

August 2 – Autos on the Avenue

August 2 – Corn on the Corner

August 3 – National Night Out

August 14-17 – Camanche Days

August 17 – Rod & Custom Car Show

August 23 – Butterfly Fest

September 5-8 – USS LST-325 Visit to Clinton

October 27 – Mardi Gras Parade

November 15 – Denim & Diamonds

November 23 – Christmas Downtown Open House

November 26 – Symphony of Lights Walk

November 27-December 30 – Symphony of Lights Display

November 29 – Symphony of Lights Race

December 3 – Jingle Bell Jam

December 7 – Lyons Christmas Walk

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 bal-



A recent Independence Day carnival

loon 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 were major renovations to the Clinton Area

Showboat Theatre and Riverview Pool, which has been transformed into a modern aquatic center.

A brand new bandshell will be conducted, and the park will no doubt benefit from improvements 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 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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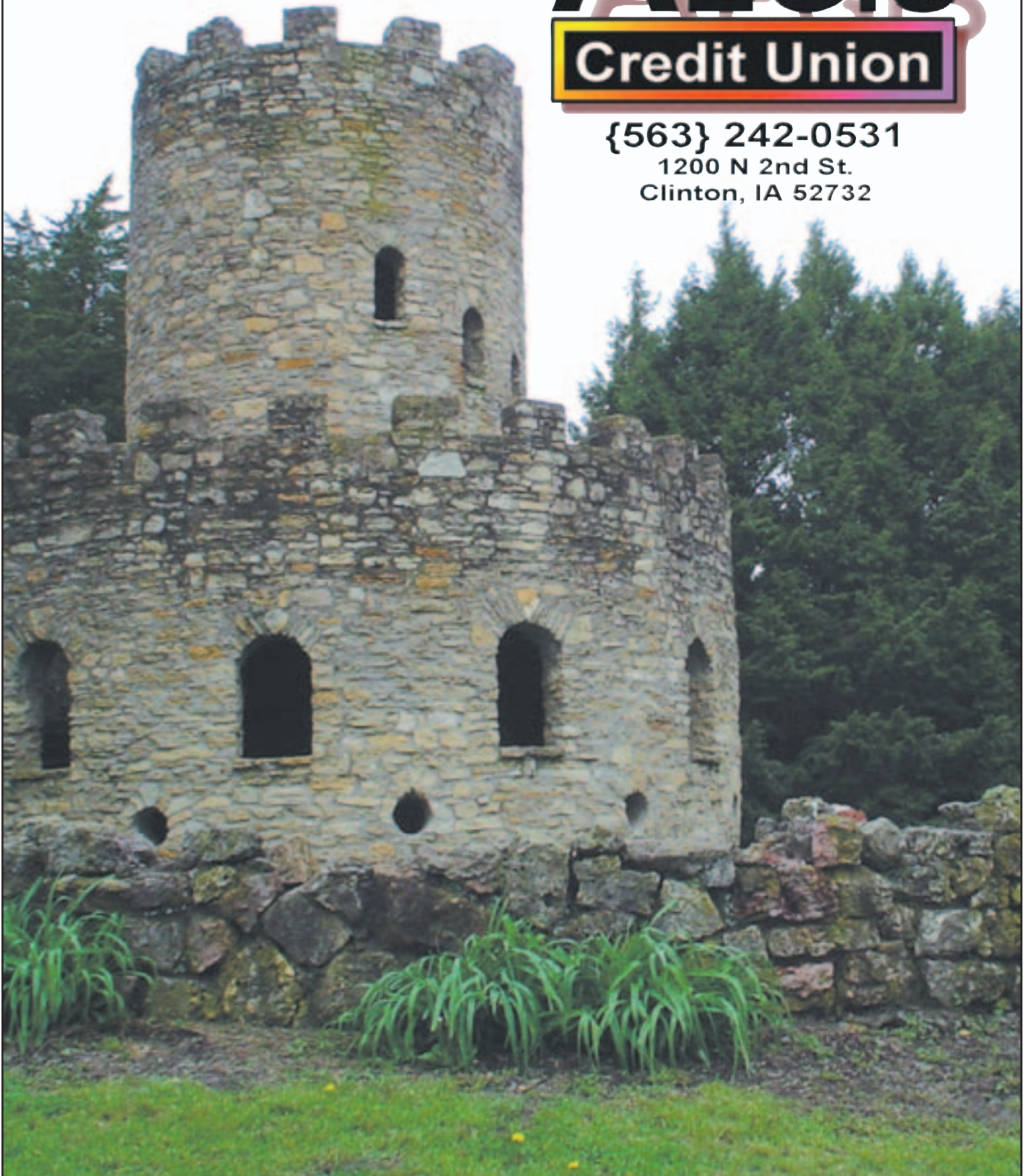
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following evening. The stadium hosted several high-profile events in the next few years. Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens visited in 1938 and won two exhibition sprints before that evening's game, and the legendary Satchel Paige and his Kansas City 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."

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 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. 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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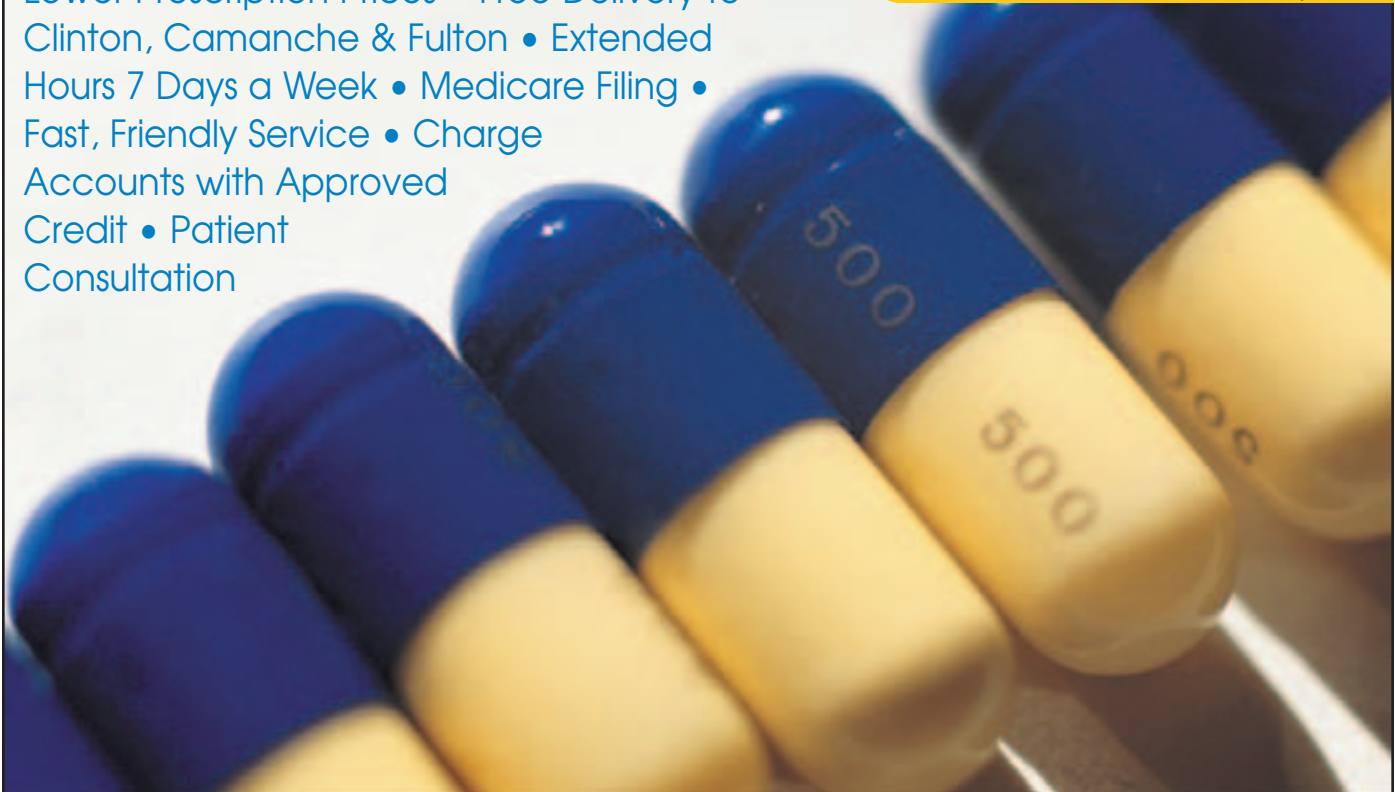


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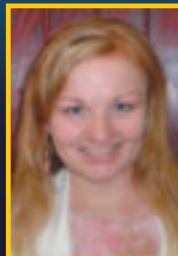
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	6:00pm Crafts & Concessions	6:00am Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport	6:00am Mass Balloon Ascension - Balloons Fly at Clinton Municipal Airport
	6:00pm til Dusk Tethered Balloon Rides (*10 per person)	6:00am Antique Airplane Fly-In and on Display Afterward	
	6:00pm Moon Walks for Kids	8:00am Crafts & Concessions	
	8:00pm Night Glow at Clinton Municipal Airport "Balloons Light Up the Night Sky"	8:00am Moon Walk for Kids	
		8:00am Volleyball Tournament - Check-in	
		8:45am Volleyball Tournament - Captains Meeting	
		9:00am Volleyball Tournament - Play Begins	
		after 12:00pm Mid Iowa Kite Enthusiasts Group	
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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...."



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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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 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

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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 consisted of a sizeable read-



ing room, a cafeteria that could seat 75 people and a gymnasium for volleyball, basketball, gymnastics and ballet.

“Any woman properly introduced or giving satisfac-

tory 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 advance. Sustaining membership was \$5 or more, while lifetime membership was \$100 or more.

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The YWCA found its permanent home in 1920 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, which was the former home of Mrs. Emma Lamb Young. Much discussion was held to

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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

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After a series of meetings

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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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• Trails

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Point Park. The trail is asphalt in some sections and concrete in others, offering walkers, joggers and bicycle riders a place to enjoy the river while they exercise or simply take a long, casual walk, watching the mighty Mississippi roll by.

Great River Biking and Hiking Trail

Twenty miles of this trail extends from Albany through Fulton and on to Thomson in Illinois. This

section will be a part of the Great River Trail, which is planned to extend from the Quad-Cities to Savanna, Ill., and will eventually connect to the Grand Illinois Trail across northern Illinois.

• Fishing

Fishing access on the Mississippi River is available at Clintons new handicapped-accessible fishing pier, located between Fifth and Sixth avenues north on

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Clinton Community College

CLINTON — In comparison to older organizations celebrating Clinton's Sesquicentennial in 2005, 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.

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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.

In 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 indus-

try 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. Through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Act students may take college courses for college credit while still in high school. Vickers says that has been a big emphasis during the last decade.

Vickers says the success of the program is due to the cooperation of the area schools.

"They are the ones who have provided the opportunities to their students," Vickers explained. "We

currently have, right at 300 high school students in our area that are taking classes with us. Most of the are getting the dual enrollment at both high school and college," she continued.

"The 300 would be students in Clinton and Jackson counties. Each semester we track and we've had students from every school in Clinton and Jackson counties," she said.

Vickers likes to see the students continue with CCC for the first two years.

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Ashford University is currently working on a master plan to create a new campus in Clinton, which will accommodate up to 4,000 students. According to CEO Andrew Clark, requests for proposals have been sent out to developers throughout the

Midwest, with plans to have one chosen by June, and construction slated to begin by spring of next year.

University officials are considering demolishing most of the school's existing buildings, Clark said, noting it is far more economical to build new than it is to remodel, with plans for preserving the Durgin Center,

the newest construction built in 1998, and St. Clare Hall, which was the first building erected on campus.

"Our focus will be on refurbishing St. Clare Hall, because of tradition, heritage," Clark said in a telephone interview with the Clinton Herald. "It was the very first building that was ever built for the university,

so we want to try to preserve that . . . we're committed to doing that."

Clark noted that with a goal of expanding the campus from 16 to 40 acres, plans are also being considered for building a new campus at another Clinton location.

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“We’re working very closely with the city,” Clark said, adding that Mayor Rodger Holm is “very supportive of us wanting to expand the campus.”

According to Clark, the expansion plan will take place over a five- to seven-year period, and will continue to add jobs to the Clinton community and increase the quality of education available to students.

“We want to continue and build upon the quality education that we deliver to the students who attend the university,” Clark said. “Improving facilities, both for students as well as the faculty, can only help us deliver on that mission of continuing to improve the



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quality of the education that they receive.”

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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.

• Lyons Foursquare Park

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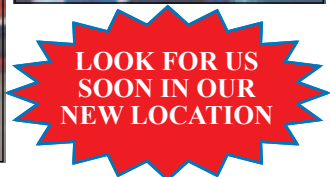
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There will be the youth exhibitors showing their livestock and other projects, club show Olympics, Bill Riley talent show, teen dance, a carnival, rodeo and a demolition derby with a special heat of "Iowa vs. Illinois" with seven drivers from each state battling it out in the arena. Also planned is a garden tractor pull, a tractor driving contest open to the public and for the first time, a demonstration from the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. This is a very new sport in which the mem-

bers of the Association dress in 1800 era clothes and ride their horses on a course and shoot balloons with blanks in a 45 long-barrel Colt revolver.

There are many ways to participate in the fair. Just come and enjoy the great entertainment; adults from Clinton County may enter projects in the creative arts, the Master Gardener's vegetable show or the flower show.

There will be a petting zoo and entertainment for the children and the ever popular Monster Arm Wrestling for the adults. There are many other exciting forms of entertainment that will be added to what is planned so far.

One of the best parts of the fair is the admission— \$5 per day for adults and \$3 per day for youths ages 9 through 18;

or buy a season pass for \$15.

Anyone wanting to help the Clinton County Fair, may become a sponsor — this involves many things from trophies for \$20 to \$25, entertainment sponsorships and general sponsorships from \$100 to \$500 plus. For any questions, call the fair board office at (563) 659-5125 on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The deadline to be listed as a sponsor in the Fair Book is Feb. 29. The hope is that everyone will come out and find out how much fun the fair is and truly make it the Clinton County Fair, with people from all over the county attending this year.

Memory Walk

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Eagle Heights Elementary School

The new Eagle Heights Elementary School not only serves 400 students — it is a school built for the community and paid for by the community.

Driving up Rolling Hills Drive from Main Avenue, the school can't been seen until reaching the rise. Situated on a hill overlooking Clinton's north-end, its surroundings were created by Mother Nature.

Built on 33 acres that once was a corn field, the area surrounding the building hosts woods and hills, lots of green space and more than enough parking for those attending school and community events.

The inside is light and airy

with the primary colors of reds, blues, yellows and greens reflected in the floor and wall tiles and in the color schemes of the lockers and classrooms.

The Learning Resource Center has large windows and doors that provide a view of the undeveloped land too the north of the school and students located in the east section of the building, on a clear winter's day will be able to see the Mississippi River. A geothermal system heats and cools the entire building.

Construction of the 87,113 square-foot building started in March 2006.

According to School Superintendent Randy Clegg, at one time the project did get a little behind but the bulk of construction was done by the time school started.

The site for the building was chosen by a selection committee made up of parents, business people, city officials "that surveyed the community for viable building sites," Clegg explained.

"The size of this site was attractive — 33 acres. The price was certainly right and looking at where development was anticipated in this

community — towards the north and west — long-term, this would be the best location for a new school."

Clegg has the hope of the building and building site being used by the community.

"Once the ground is regraded in the back — we

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envision a possible ball field or two,” he related. “Our Athletic Director Gary Lueders has already looked at it.”

Clegg says that the grounds were also designed to integrate with the bike paths that the city might develop. A lane surrounds the building and down to Main Avenue which will serve a dual purpose — a bike path and for use by emergency vehicles needing access to the back of the building.

“It’s going to be a beautiful site once the grass is in and mowed,” Clegg said. “Kids can come and play on the playground equipment and people can come just to appreciate.”

Clegg said the biggest challenge of the project existed before the district ever owned the land. “What has caused us most grief is water runoff,” he related.

“We went into this project wanting to do it right. We want to make sure water runoff retention ponds will eventually make it better. We’ve had some issues with neighbors.”

Eagle Heights is the last elementary school to be renovated or built. “It was the last of the 10-year plan for four elementary schools,

consolidating down from seven and that finishes up the first stage of the long-range planning,” Clegg noted.

There is now a facilities task force that is putting together a long-range plan for the next 10 years.

The district hopes to moving forward with plans to sell Elijah Buell and Horace Mann, the two schools closed and replaced by Eagle Heights.

“We’d like to see them recycled into future use within the community.”

Clegg says there are no more construction project on the horizon. “There is no Physical Plant and Equipment Levy money and sales tax money is committed to Eagle Heights until 2011.”

Money was saved when the school board decided to move the construction of Eagle Heights ahead two years.

“Construction costs were going up so fast — a financial analyst said it would be cheaper to borrow money, get the construction done to avoid inflationary costs,” Clegg explained.

Clegg says the benefits of a larger school are numerous.

“Administrative costs are



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lower. You're running four schools with the same staff that was used to run seven schools," he said.

"Having resources within one building. You have four well-equipped libraries instead of seven largely equipped libraries.

"More opportunities to meet the needs of the students. Space is much better in these buildings."

Clegg believes by most standards Eagle Heights is a very small school compared to other parts of the country

with 700 to 1,200 students in one building.

"This is going to be a tremendous learning environment for kids," Clegg concluded.

"Having the space to move kids away from each other — so they are not sitting top of each other."

The facility comes with a projected price tag of \$13.6 million for the entire project which is being paid for through money generated by the Local Option Sales Tax.



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Hearts and Hands

The Hearts and Hands group is looking for volunteers for projects that will help area residents in need of home improvement.

The all-volunteer Hearts and Hands group is made up of members of the First United Methodist Church and community volunteers of all ages. The group helps local families that are physically or financially unable to do improvement projects themselves. The projects range from repairing and painting interior walls or ceilings, exterior painting, replacing broken windows, removing debris, cleaning basements, yard work and possibly building handicap ramps. The purpose of the projects is to make homes

more comfortable, safe and secure. Most projects entail work just about anyone of any age can do and no specific training is necessary to help those in need in the community.

Dennis Glew, assistant pastor at FUMC and a coordinator of the Hearts and Hands group, said there always are projects that need to be done. In 2006, volunteers donated thousands of hours of work to complete 54 projects. Volunteers shingled four roofs, built two handicap ramps, painted four houses, repaired 12 windows and three sidewalks, installed four water heaters and five storm doors, repaired two showers, removed two trees, mulched four yards and painted three interior rooms.

The group also planted flowers, repaired steps and gutters, vented an attic and performed vehicle and electrical repairs.

The program began seven years ago with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and its Executive Director Tammy Meyer. She said Hearts and Hands was started to help people stay in their home if it needed just a few repairs or improvements.

The group soon collaborated with the FUMC.

The group also receives assistance from members of the Clinton Rotary Club, Salvation Army and other community groups and organizations.

The Hearts and Hands program always welcomes new volunteers. Any area contractors who would be

willing to donate their time, equipment or materials would be especially helpful. Work days are scheduled on Saturdays in the spring, summer and fall, depending on what is needed and availability of volunteers. There is a need for both skilled and unskilled volunteers of all ages. Area residents can volunteer on their own or as part of a team with friends.

Donations of money and materials are greatly appreciated and put to good use. To donate money to the Hearts and Hands program that will be used to buy materials, call Glew at FUMC, 242-5868.

To volunteer with the group or to apply for assistance, call Meyer at the RSVP office, 243-7787.

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Leadership Institute

The Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Institute is moving forward with plans to place lighting along Clinton's bike path in an effort to make the area safer and add to the beauty of the Mississippi riverfront.

The group plans to install the lighting on the entire length of the path, extending from the newly improved Clinton Marina to the North Bridge by this summer. The light poles, which will match those already in place at the refurbished marina, will increase the useful working hours of the bike path.

"A lot of hours have been put in already, and I see

many more hours ahead of us," said Rich Klahn, co-chair of the Leadership Institute, which was established in 1984 by the Chamber in order to identify and develop future community leaders.

The group, which is made up of 16 new members each year, takes on a local project with the goal of gaining real world leadership experience and enhancing community value.

Although Leadership Institute participants usually "graduate" in May, Klahn noted that this year's volunteers are dedicated to staying on as long as needed to finish their chosen project, which will be entirely financed by private donations and grants.

"We've got a very dedi-

cated group of people," Klahn said. "We've received a lot of positive response from people in the community regarding this project."

Klahn noted the goal of the project is to expand the use of the bike path and promote exercise in the community.

The lighting will also complement the work being done by Iowa Great Places to install a beach in Joyce's Slough as well as the developing Kiwanis/Iowa Great Places Sawmill Museum on the North end of Clinton's riverfront.

The group has already begun fundraising, and a ribbon cutting and walk are being planned to commemorate the project completion.

"We're hoping to get a good share of donations from businesses and individuals in the community who have an interest in seeing this project completed," Klahn said.

"It takes advantage of the Mississippi River and our riverfront."

Those donating \$250 or more toward the project will be recognized by a permanent installation at the bike path, and all those who contribute will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.


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With the dedication of committee members and volunteers, city projects are being completed as part of the Iowa Great Places Program making Clinton a better place to live, work and play.

In October of 2005, a special advisory panel designated Clinton as one of the state's three Great Places pilot cities, along with Coon Rapids and Sioux City, and the state legislature appropriated \$1 million to each city. The program was created by former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and encourages state agencies to partner with Iowans in a new way by combining state resources with local assets to make Iowa communities better places to live, work and raise a family.

The Clinton Great Places project, "Even More Things

to Do With a River View," consisted of eight elements including bridge arches, a disc golf course, the Clinton Sawmill Heritage Experience Museum, a sculpture garden near the U.S. 30 bridge, playground equipment at Eagle Point Park, a public beach near Joyce's Slough, development of North River Drive and repairs and expansion of Eagle Point Park, including replacement of playground equipment, repair of the Thousand Steps, addition of a disc golf course and campsites and the construction of a 200-foot tall lighthouse/observation tower.

A ribbon-cutting took place at Eagle Point Park in October to dedicate some of the park's newest playground equipment known as "Slidetopia." The Iowa Great Places project funded



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the replacement of the equipment previously located in the north loop of the park, which was estimated to be at least 40 years old.

The state-of-the-art equipment features natural colors meant to blend into the surrounding environment and a ground surface made of recycled rubber composite, designed to prevent slipping and provide cushioning in case of a fall.

During the ceremony, members of the Iowa Great Places committee were presented with the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Progress Award.

Similar equipment was installed in the park's south loop and new bathroom facilities and a disc golf course are planned for the future. Equipment for the disc golf course has been purchased and is ready to be installed. The total disc golf

course project cost is \$17,660 with \$11,160 appropriated out of the \$1 million and another \$6,500 in matching funds secured from a variety of sources. The total Eagle Point Park Great Places expenditure amounts to \$144,160.

The welcome arches project will cost \$104,000 and features two signs over 10 feet tall and nearly 50 feet wide placed facing west-bound motorists on each Clinton bridge spanning the Mississippi River.

The signs bear the words "Welcome to Iowa" and "Clinton On the Mississippi," with both phrases worked into a design that represents waves, a ship's wheel and a cross section of a log to connect with the city's lumber mill heritage.

The Clinton Sawmill Heritage Experience interac-

tive museum/cultural center will feature a dynamic, real and active experience for visitors, giving a detailed look at the life of a sawmill worker. It is hoped museum attendees would be able to observe craftsmen working at their trade, log rolling, and the moving of logs down river. The museum would show and tell the story of the lumberjack and the adventures of the river men, giving a real-life depiction of the loud, smoky, dusty sawmill operations of late 19th century Clinton.

The museum project has been allocated \$490,000 from the \$1 million in Great Places funding and received a \$100,000 grant from the Clinton County Community Development Association. In June 2006, John McEleney donated property at 27 23rd Ave. North, the site of the former McEleney

AutoCenter body shop, to the Clinton Kiwanis Club foundation. The estimated phase one project cost is \$750,000, while the total project is estimated to cost \$25 million. Museum construction is slated to begin early next year.

Funds allocated for those projects total \$806,410. Regarding the two remaining projects, the public beach and the North River Drive project, the Great Places committee plans to use the balance of \$180,090 for the beach project. The beach will be located between Willow and Joyce's islands and is expected to cost \$480,000. The \$180,090 would provide funding to bring sand in for the beach and open it, but not enough to build a bathroom facility there just yet.

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a road connecting the 19th Avenue North Bridge and Main Avenue, was put on hold due to limited funding and higher priority projects. Road plans are for a two-lane road with parallel parking on the west side and include widening of the dike along the segment in question, enhancing the existing recreational trail and creating a more park-like atmosphere on the north end. This fall, Project Committee Member Rodger Holm said the project is not dead and is something that will happen some time in the future. Eventually, the proposed North River Drive could connect to Riverview Drive.

On Dec. 13, the council approved a motion to place a resolution authorizing placement of the sculpture in Riverview Park on the



Jan. 8 council agenda. Jenny Pauckner, president of the Gateway Area Cultural Alliance, addressed the council regarding the placement of an outdoor sculpture north of Lubbers

Fountain in Riverview Park as part of the Great Places projects. Pauckner explained that a concrete and steel sculpture entitled "River's Edge" created by Mac Hornecker had been selected and the design

reflects the river's ambiance. The total project budget for the sculpture project is \$60,000 and funded in part with a legislative grant awarded to the city as an Iowa Great Place.



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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

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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 outdoors. 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 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.

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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.

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At the groundbreaking, Patricia Woertz, chairwoman, CEO and president of ADM, said Mirel is an important step in responding to some of the country's most pressing challenges, including reducing reliance on foreign oil.

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

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(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

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

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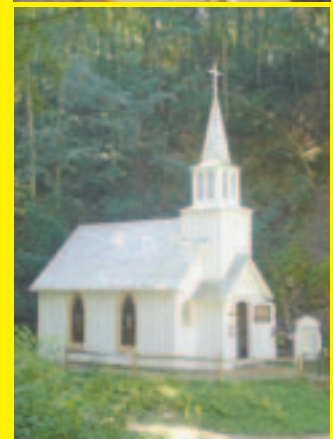
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2008 Community Events:

Dutch Days Festival May 2-3, 2008 (first weekend in May)

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Lincoln Buy-Way Sales Event August 8-9, 2008

Attend one of the largest garage sale events in the country extending from Ohio to Illinois. Nearly 100 sales held in Fulton. Sale maps will be available 3 weeks before the event.

Fall Festival October 11-12, 2008 (2nd weekend in October)

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 11 & 12, 2008 10am to 4pm.

Christmas Walk December 5-6, 2008 5pm - 7pm (first Fri. & following Sat. in December)

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Annual Bald Eagle Watch January 3, 2009 (last Saturday in January)

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Fulton has rich history

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.

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.

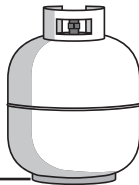
In 1837, Hollis Chenery and John Phelps opened the first store in Fulton. Before this, citizens did their trading at Galena, Ill., Albany, Ill., or Fort Armstrong, Ill., which is now Rock Island.

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



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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.



The Fulton Christmas celebration

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.

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Dutch millwrights and masons traveled to the United States on three separate occasions and rebuilt the windmill in Fulton. The windmill is fully operational. Flour can be purchased at the windmill during its regular hours or you may visit the Fulton Meat Market year around.



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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to bypass Unionville and go through Morrison instead.

Morrison was surveyed and platted in 1855 with the first

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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

Morrison's historical museum moved it back again. Another election, another move; Sterling was again declared the winner on April 3, 1849.

Finally, in 1857, the

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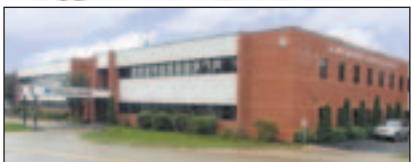


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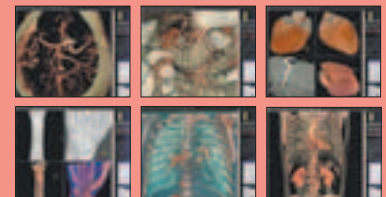
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