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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, a fire station and a meal site still carry the name Chancy.

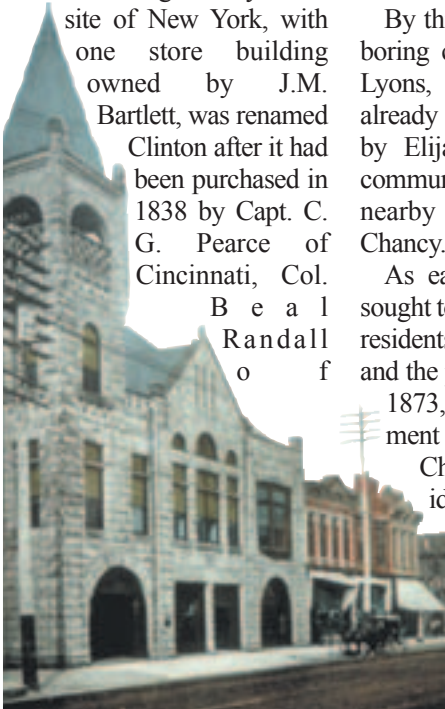
Lyons continued to operate as an independent city with its own council, school and fire department until April 20,

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.

Clinton gained the reputation for having more millionaires per capita than any other city in the nation.

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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. In 2008 Hearts and Hands helped a total of 90 different households. They also offered the new service of winterizing homes by putting plastic on windows.

Dennis Glew, Associate Pastor, said the church first started running Hearts and Hands in 2003 in collabo-

ration with RSVP. Glew said Tammy Meyer and Harold Welcher of RSVP were driving forces in Hearts and Hands. Meyer still takes applications for the program.

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

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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## ARBORETUM

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and shrubs, ornamental shrubs, a Stout Medal daylily collection, as well as shrub roses, perennials, a Monarch Watch Butterfly Station, an American Hosta Society National Display garden and a reflective herb garden. A lending library, meeting sites and a museum display of native animals and birds are also available.

Open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk. Bickelhaupt Arboretum and Clinton Community College, in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension will present a Herb Fair at the Arboretum on Aug. 12.

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

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

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

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

The event will be that day between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Arboretum. There will be no admission fee.

There will be discussions about the life cycle and habits of Iowa butterflies and Monarch way stations.

**Location — 340 S. 14th Street**

*Contact: 242-4771. Visit the Web site at [www.bickarb.org](http://www.bickarb.org).*



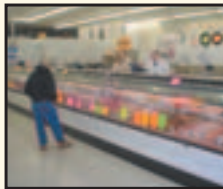
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When the Depression struck Clinton in 1933-34, the Clinton Board of Park Commissioners immediately took advantage of Works Progress Administration funds. The federal government gave money to states in order to put people to work during the Depression.

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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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 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.

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 miles 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.



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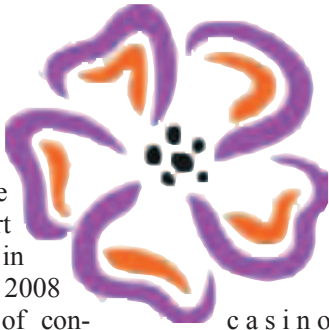
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## Wild Rose Casino & Resort



The Wild Rose Casino and Resort opened its doors in Clinton in June 2008 after 13 months of construction, one million cubic yards of fill and countless hours of planning and preparation.

The Wild Rose, Iowa's first true land-based casino took the place of the Mississippi Belle II riverboat casino and has quickly become one of the most popular destinations around.

The 120,000-square-foot facility sits on an expansive 28 acres, and features two dining facilities, a grand ballroom and a gift shop specializing in local fare in addition to the 28,000-square-foot

casino and 60-room hotel. Located on the corner of Highway 30 and Mill Creek Parkway, the casino and resort offers guests full-service valet parking or self-park in one of the 1,000 parking spots available at the facility. Once inside, the Grand Promenade creates a magnificent entryway, complete with dramatic oversize lighting, and large black and white artwork depicting Clinton's past,



including images of the Mississippi River, Eagle Point Park and the downtown district.

The casino game floor features a striking, 36-foot circular roundhouse bar, complete with a fireplace suspended from the center of the ceiling. Nearly 600 slot

machines and 14 table games are available to guests. The casino also features three cash kiosks, allowing guests to redeem their tickets without visiting the cash cage, and withdraw their money in multiple denominations.

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Visitors to the resort have two diverse dining options. Coaches Corner Sports Bar and Grill features 41 televisions displaying virtually every local sporting event, including a private 19-inch TV at each booth. This restaurant serves everything from burgers and beer to filet mignon and a reserve wine list, and is open everyday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

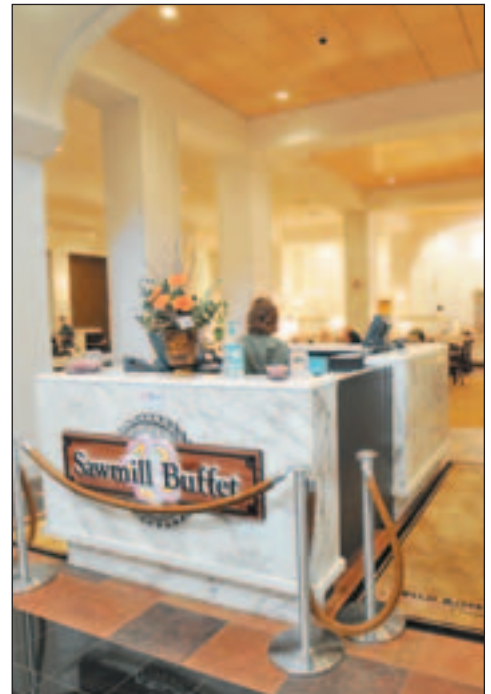
The Sawmill Buffet includes action stations featuring signature dishes, and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Diners can pick from a large selection of entrees, appetizers and desserts, and new items offered daily. The expansive



room seats up to 260 people. The Wild Rose Casino and Resort also includes a beautiful ballroom and casino gift store. The 10,000-square-foot Oakwood Grand Ballroom features space for up to 750 people and can accommodate concerts, weddings and conventions. Guests can purchase a variety of local items, logo apparel

and unique treasures crafted by area artisans, such as hand-made jewelry and soy candles, in the Iowa Store.

The casino is open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



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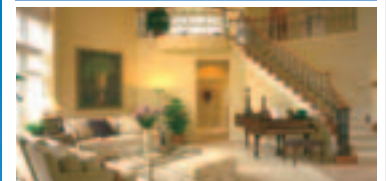
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This annual craft show is located in Lyons Four Square Park (corners of Main Avenue and Roosevelt Street) in Clinton. No charge for admission. The annual 4-mile run and 2-mile health walk will also take place in conjunction with the Clinton YMCA/YWCA and the craft fair. Registration forms are available at either Clinton YMCA-YWCA locations.

Contact: Kali Covel at the YWCA at 242-2110; Diane Miller, 242-2997



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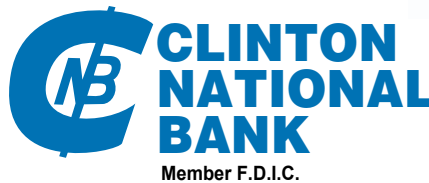
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However, the baseball venue that stands near the Mississippi River has only been known by that name since 2002.

Before that, it was simply Riverview Stadium.

The stadium — currently the oldest in the Midwest League — was built through the Works Progress Administration and was dedicated on May 2, 1937.

The first baseball game occurred a week later as the

Clinton Owls beat Bloomington 3-2. The first night game was played the following evening.

The stadium hosted several high-profile events in

the next few years. Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens visited in 1938 and won two exhibition sprints before that evening's game, and the

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

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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.

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.

## L-Kings to host All-Star game

Clinton will host the 2009 Midwest League All-Star game.

Festivities will start Monday, June 22. Gates open



at 5 p.m. for the Youth All-Star game at 5:30 p.m.

Midwest players will sign autographs after that, leading into the 7 p.m. Midwest League Skills Competition.

At 8 p.m., the Midwest League Home Run Derby will take place.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for box seats, \$8 for adult general admission and \$6 for students, senior citizens or military general admission.

The gates open at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 23.

The Principal Family Fun Fest and activities will take

place from 4 until 7 p.m.

There will be lumberjack demonstrations from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A player autograph session is also set during this time.

Player introductions start at 6:40 p.m. and the game will begin at 7 p.m.

There will be a fireworks display following the contest.

Tickets for Tuesday's session are \$15 for box seats, \$10 for adult general admission and \$8 for students, senior citizens or military general admission.



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Then "Singing in the Rain" will show at the theater after a short break from July 9 to July 19, before "Biloxi Blues" takes over the stage from July 23 to Aug. 2. The season's finale will take place from Aug. 6 to Aug. 16 with the showing of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

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.

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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.

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## Riverboat Days

The Clinton RBD Board will be once again inviting people to attend Riverboat days, which will be from Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5.

Last year, the RBD Board announced the reunion of the RBD Festival with the Clinton Jayce's Carnival which was found on festival grounds. Old favorites, such as mud volleyball, tractor pulls and demolition derby will make an appearance.

The Clinton Riverboat days Main Stage Entertainment will feature music from Loverboy and Aaron Tippin.

Loverboy, who will be appearing on stage Friday,



July 3, introduced themselves in 1980 in their self-titled album. They quickly became one of America's and MTV's most popular rock bands.

**RIVERBOAT**, continued on 20



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## RIVERBOAT

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From 1980 through 1987 Loverboy garnered four multi-Platinum albums and numerous international Gold albums. Their tours sold out arenas and stadiums nationwide. Their hit singles came one after another, and went on to become the anthems and party songs of an entire generation of rock concert going fans. The band's red leather pants, bandannas, and big rock sound defined the band's trademark image and high-energy live show.

Loverboy is known for hits such as: Working For The Weekend, Lucky Ones, Lady Of The 80's, Take Me To The Top, Jump, This Could Be The Night, Dangerous, Lead A Double Life, When It's Over, Queen Of The Broken Hearts, Lovin' Every Minute Of It, Hot Girls In Love, Turn Me

Loose and The Kid Is Hot T o n i t e . Loverboy celebrated 25 years together in 2005 by performing in selected cities throughout the U.S. and Canada to mark this milestone.

Saturday, July 4, Country Music star, Aaron Tippin will be performing at Riverboat Days. Tippin made his reputation with such hard-core honky tonk performances as "Working



Man's P.H.D.", "Kiss This", "You've Got To Stand For Something" and "There Ain't Nothin Wrong With The Radio." He began performing in local honky tonks in the 1970s and competed on the TNN's "You Can Be A Star" TV talent contest in 1985. Tippin landed a songwriter's contract and moved to Music City in 1986.

Always a focused and purposeful man, Tippin created an intense work routine. He worked the midnight to dawn shift at a factory in Kentucky, commuted to music row to write songs, lifted weights late every

afternoon, went to bed, got up and did the whole routine over again, day after day. The dedication began to pay off and he began winning body building competitions and artists such as Mark Collie, Diamond Rio, David Ball and the Mid-South boys started recording Aaron's songs.

Tippin performed his first Nashville night club show in 1990. It earned him a recording contract with RCA records. Before ever setting foot on tour, he was afforded the opportunity to join Bob Hope on a USO tour to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. After Aaron came home, hits for RCA led to concert dates with such superstars as Brooks & Dunn, Reba McEntire and Hank Williams Jr. Tippin became one of the most memorable country personalities of the 1990s.

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## RIVERBOAT

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Hits like "My Blue Angel," "That's As Close As I'll Get To Loving You" and "I Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way" formed Tippin's body of work. Five of his RCA albums became Gold Records and one went Platinum. Between 1990-1997, Tippin scored six hit records.

Tippin has appeared on the soundtracks of "The Beverly Hillbillies" (1993) and "Fire Down Below" (1997) and became the commercial spokesman for Channel Lock Tools. Success as a songwriter for others also continued as Garth Brooks, Charley Pride and Kenny Chesney recorded Tippin tunes.

Tippin's popularity spiked again in the new millennium



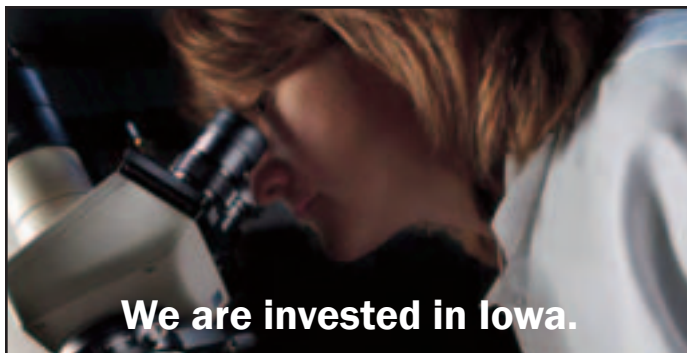
thanks to the chart topper "Kiss This" (2000) and "Where The Stars And Stripes And The Eagle Fly" (2002) as well as his sixth gold record and first ACM nomination.

After Aaron Tippin parted ways with Lyric Street records in 2004, he began recording a brand new CD that he released on his own label called NIPPIT RECORDS. The album is titled "Now & Then" and is a mixture of new songs with some of Aaron's greatest hits. Included in the brand new CD is "He Believed," a song that



Aaron and his wife Thea wrote about his father who passed away a couple of years ago.

For more information about Riverboat Days and its scheduled performances, go to [Riverboatdays.org](http://Riverboatdays.org).



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## Clinton marina

Clinton's marina has witnessed redevelopment and construction of the marina amenities building, to offer the area a brand-new marina fit for river kings.

The marina project was part of Vision Iowa and Clinton's "Things to Do With A River View" project. In 2003, the Vision Iowa board awarded Clinton County \$3.3 million for the \$22.7 million project.

The North Phase of the marina project included longer and deeper boat ramps, a parking area, sidewalks, lighting, utilities, a service building, expanded boat and trailer parking and the addition of a storm sewer. The South Phase of the project included new dockage, 132 slips, parking, sidewalks, curbing and the

amenities building.

Phase Two, dredging of the north area, and Phase Three, dredging of the south area were completed. The one-time dredging is expected to last a maximum of 10 years and may need to be maintained by the city with spot dredging. The marina was up and running in May 2008.

On May 13, 2008 the city of Clinton approved a five-year marina operator contract between the city and Skipper Marine Development.

In late March, City Administrator Gary Boden asked the Clinton City Council to rethink the location and size of the building as initial plans for the amenities building were predicated on the fact that the casino boat would remain along Riverview



Drive. He advised the council the amenities building could be expanded, moved to the south and placed adjacent to the river. Plans for the building were revised and an estimated \$800,000 was added to the cost of the project.

Contractors have installed the foundation and structure of the \$2.7 million amenities building. The building, which includes a ship store,

shower and laundry area for boaters on the first level and a restaurant with seating for about 200 people inside and about 75 on the decks outside, is expected to be completed this year with a restaurant operator.

The total cost of the amenities building and the marina is about \$7 million, paid for with a combination of federal, state and local money.

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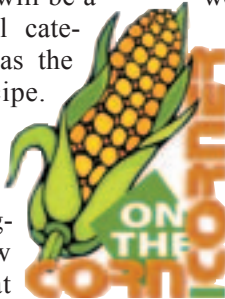
Collaborating with Clinton County Iowa State Extension, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Clinton Jaycees and 4-H, the event will have something for everyone with displays that will educate visitors about the many uses of corn.

For youths, there will be a corn box treasure hunt, corn-eating contests, a corn shucking contests, a children's tractor race, music and other 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 bake-off in several categories using food 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 a few activities. What



would the festival be without hot, but-tery corn on the cob?

Visitors to the event will experience that summer treat along with kettle corn, roasted corn, corn

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Contact: Ken Shelly Jr. at (563) 577-2216.

## Freedom Trees Memorial

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, many communities held ceremonies and memorial services to grieve, comprehend and remember what happened at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the

Pennsylvania field where planes piloted by terrorists crashed on that day.

In Clinton, a special place at the corner of Main Avenue and Mill Creek Parkway was turned into a spot of remembrance of the events of 9/11.

Since that time eight years ago, remembrance

ceremonies took place there for five years.

Memorial services were held from Sept. 11, 2002 to Sept. 11, 2006. Soon, planning will begin for the 10th year anniversary service on Sept. 11, 2011.

The 23 trees planted can be viewed at any time during the year.



## Canine Capers

Every fall dog owners are invited to Eagle Point Park for the Canine Capers two-mile run/walk.

Pet owners can register the day of the race or pre-register to compete in the walk or run. Awards will be given to five places in each division. A children's run/walk race is also available. Other fun entertainment, such as funny pet contests and dog costume contests, take place during this annual event.

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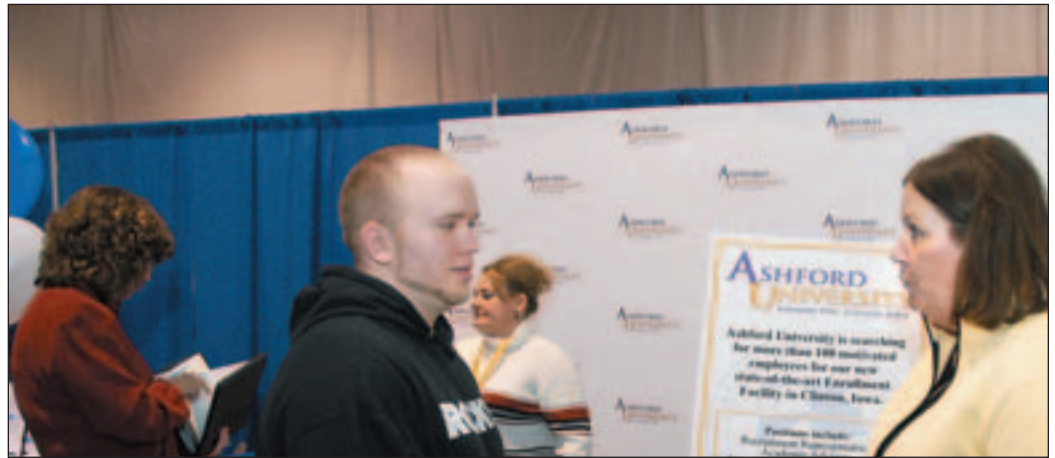
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In 1950 the college was first accredited by the North Central Association Colleges and Schools, and has since maintained that accreditation.

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## ASHFORD

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The year 1958 was a year of building for the college. Construction of a spacious two-story library building was completed, as well as the St. Francis Auditorium-Gymnasium and the Mount St. Clare Speech and Hearing Center. In the early 1960's, expansion continued with the

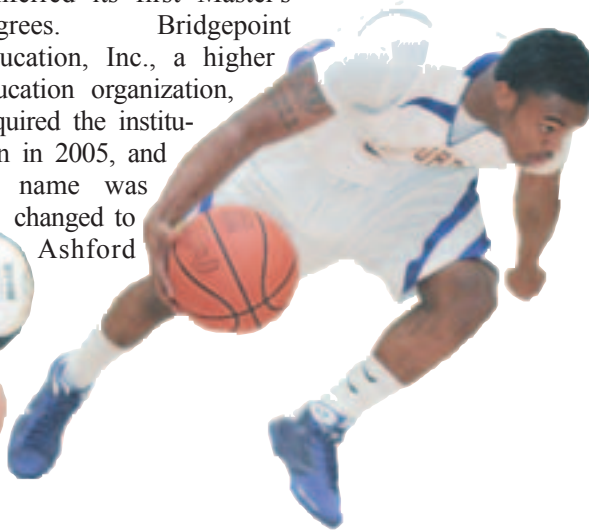
construction of Durham Hall, a residence hall, in 1962 and the Science Building in 1965. In April 1979, MSC received approval to award baccalaureate degrees. The Durgin Educational Center was completed in April 1998.

In December 2002, MSC became The Franciscan University and in May 2004 it conferred its first Master's degrees. Bridgepoint Education, Inc., a higher education organization, acquired the institution in 2005, and its name was changed to Ashford

University. In recent years the university has seen plans for a new campus in Clinton which would accommodate up to 4,000 students. This plan is expected to take place over a span of five to seven years.

Throughout all of the changes for the university, it continues to hold true to its mission to provide accessible,

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## Clinton Community College

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

1947.

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.

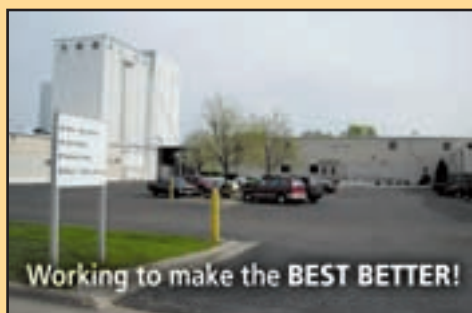
Because the college was located at the high school, it was operated as a division of the Clinton public school system.

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## CCC

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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 funds 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.

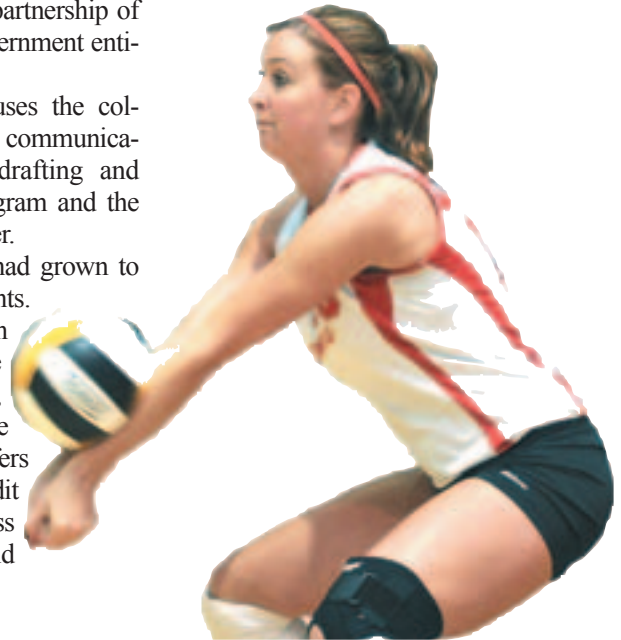
In 2005, the enrollment had grown to just less than 1,400 students.

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 industry courses and GED classes.

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

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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.

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 event as a fundraiser, but quickly learned it was much more.

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.

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

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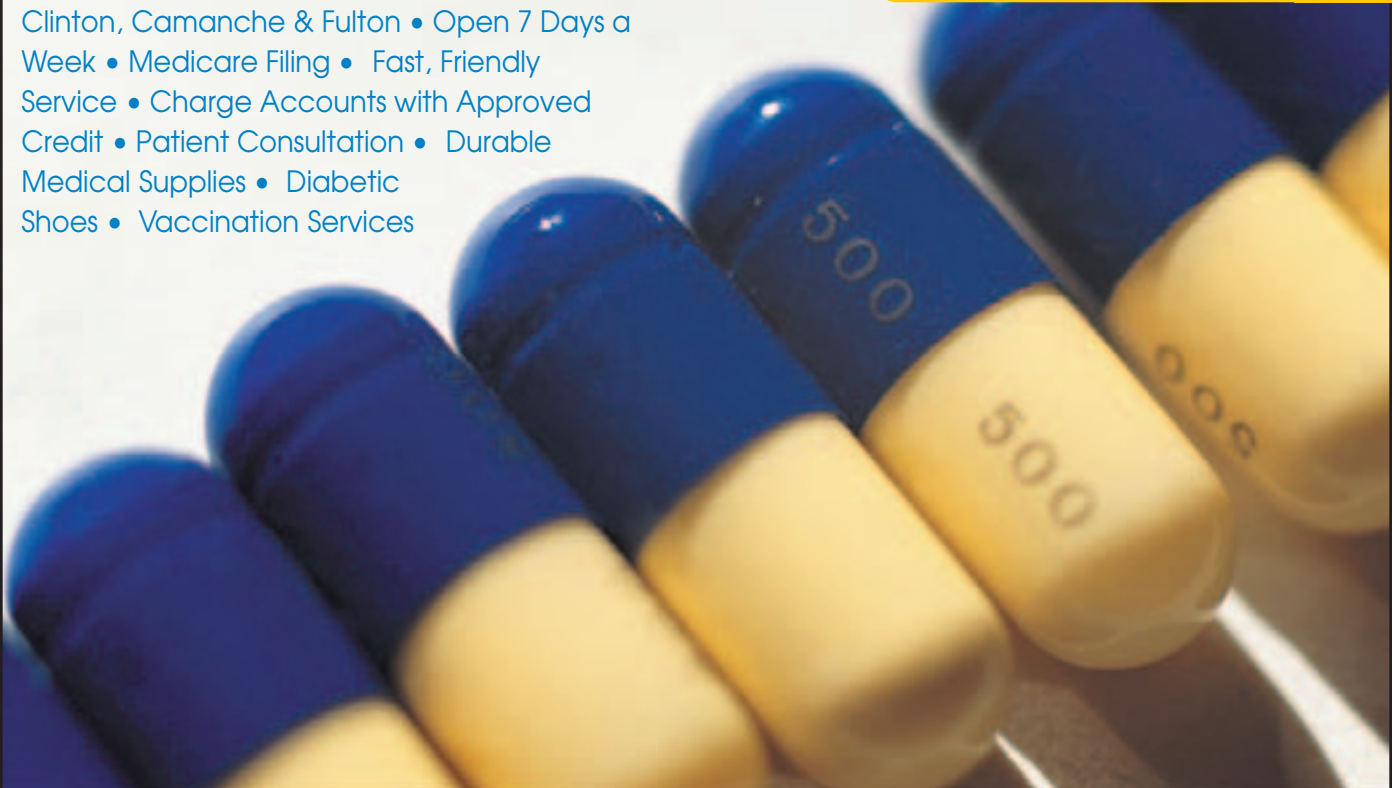
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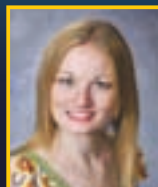
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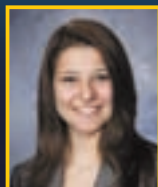
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## LIGHTS

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

The cost for registration prior to Nov. 13 is \$12 and after Nov. 13 the cost is \$15



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

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

Race day number and T-shirt pickup/registration is at the lodge of Eagle Point Park from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Early packet pickup will be Nov. 20

from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lyons Train Depot located at 56 25th Ave. North, Clinton, or at Eagle Point Park Lodge during the Family Walk, Nov. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

### Symphony of Lights Family Walk

The annual Symphony of Lights Family Walk will take place Nov. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Eagle Point Park.

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



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

Due to limited parking, everyone is asked to park at the Lyons Train Depot at 56 25th Ave. North, and use the shuttle bus service to get to the park.



Buses will run from 5:45 to 8 p.m.

All pre-registered entrants picking up tickets the night of the event must check in at the

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## Clinton YMCA-YWCA

January 2009 marks a historic time for the Clinton YMCA and YWCA with the joint venture between the two organizations becoming official. Under the joint venture, both organizations will continue to maintain their separate identities and missions, but have joined together in the areas of fitness and youth activities.

Both organizations have been an integral part of Clinton history. The YMCA was founded in Clinton in 1890. The YWCA was founded in Clinton in 1915. In 2008, the YMCA and YWCA joined in the area of youth activities. It was such a success that in 2009 the YMCA and YWCA decided to collaborate in the area of



fitness.

Members now have access to both YMCA and YWCA facilities, classes, programs, and services. "Youth activities and fitness were the two areas we duplicated services in the community. With the joint venture, we can now

provide expanded programs and services to our clients while decreasing operating costs," said Lori Freudenberg, executive director of the Clinton YWCA and the YMCA-YWCA joint venture.

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“Where else in town can you have access to two great fitness centers or attend Aquacise, Pilates, Yoga, or a step class while your child attends free swimming lessons? We feel the joint venture is the next step forward in providing our valued members the best possible programs and services available in our community,” said Freudenberg.

Contact: Shannon Sander-Welzien at (563)242-2110 or at [ywpr@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ywpr@iowatelecom.net)

### Things offered by the YMCA-YWCA

- Fitness

The Clinton YMCA-YWCA offers over 50 fitness

classes that are free with membership. Non-members can also sign up for fitness classes or use the fitness center for a fee. Day passes and 10-punch passes are also available for those visiting the community for a short time.

The YMCA is located at 1401 12th Ave. North, just north of the Erickson Center in Clinton. The YWCA is located at 317 Seventh Ave South in downtown Clinton. Each location has its own fitness center available to members, equipped with weight machines, free weights and cardio machines.

Members have full access to both locations and are free to use the location that's most convenient for them. As an added benefit, free babysitting hours are available at both facilities during prime fitness times. For more information on the YMCA-YWCA fitness



programs, please contact Health & Wellness Director Kali Covell at 242-2110.

- Aquatics

All aquatic classes and swimming lessons are held at the YWCA pool. Lap swimming and open swim times are also available. Schedules are available at the front desk or by calling 242-2110.

For the avid lap swimmer, lap swimming is available Monday through Friday from 5:30 am - 1:15 pm at the Camanche High School pool. Lap swimming is available at no cost to members. Visitors may also use the facility by purchasing a day pass or punch pass.

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### • Youth Programs

The YMCA-YWCA provides many wonderful youth programs to our community each year. Programs such as Little Dribblers, Mini Dribblers, and soccer are very popular within the community. Area youths will enjoy the Youth Center at the YMCA location. The Youth Staff plans and supervises fun activities every day after school in the Youth Center with special programming Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm. There is no cost to members, but registration is required. For more

information, Youth Center hours of operation, or to request a registration form, please call Youth Director Janna Linville at 243-1364.

### • YWCA Child Care/Preschool

The YWCA believes all children have a right to receive quality pre-school and childcare in a safe and nurturing environment. The YWCA of Clinton is committed to the social, physical, mental and emotional development of each child. Children are encouraged to learn through a hands-on environment and playful age-appropriate activities. The YWCA staff also helps to develop children's feelings of self-worth and security through positive reinforcement.

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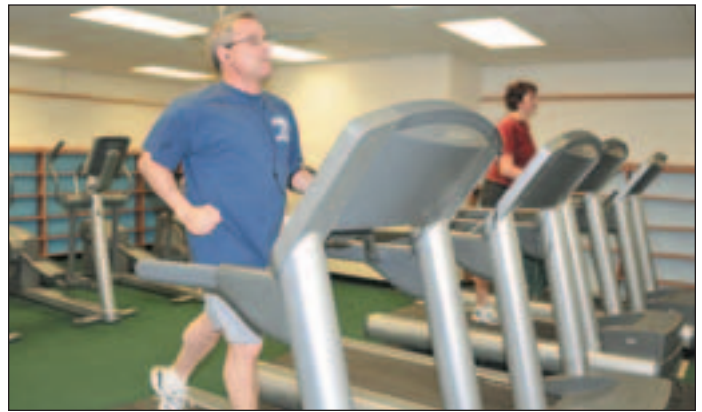
Preschool is available for children 3 to 5 years old. Monthly trips to the library and swim days are just a couple of the fun activities that YWCA preschool students participate in. Applications are available for no cost preschool for children who are 4 years old on or before September 15, 2009 and Iowa residents. Please call Roxanne at 244-8340 for more information or to register.

The YWCA Childcare is the only licensed childcare center in Clinton open until midnight. Childcare is provided for children 6 weeks to 11 years from 6 a.m. to midnight. For more information or a tour of the YWCA Children's Center, please call Roxanne at 244-8340.

### YWCA Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Resource Center

The Clinton YWCA Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Resource Center began in 1978 as a Sexual Assault Resource Center. It soon became apparent that services needed to be expanded and the center, with much community support and volunteers, began offering shelter and support to victims of domestic violence. The program was further expanded in 1988 when it began its Transitional Housing Program for women and their families who are homeless. The following services are provided in both Clinton and Jackson Counties:

- Crisis Line (1-800-381-9319) is answered by trained staff 24 hours a day.
- Counseling is free and available to women who are coping with the experience of



domestic violence or sexual assault.

- Emergency Shelter offers a safe place for women and their children who need to leave their home because of domestic violence or sexual assault. A woman who is in need of shelter may call the crisis line and an advocate will make arrangements.

- Transitional Housing is a program which provides housing and support services to homeless women and their

children.

- Support Groups are offered and information about meetings may be obtained by calling 242-2118.

For more information on the YWCA Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Resource Center, please call 242-2118.

### YMCA Men's Transitional Housing

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## ACTIVITIES

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### Riverview Park Recreational Trail

The Discovery Recreational Trail was constructed in 1986 and, with ongoing additions through the years, now extends 4.8 miles from Riverview Park north along the Mississippi River to Eagle 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

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**June 16, July 5, August 4, September 1** – Arts at the Arb

**June 19** – "JUNETEENTH" Celebration

**June 23** – Midwest League All-Star Game

**June 25** – Balloons in June Night Glow Downtown

**June 27** – Miss Clinton County Pageant

**July 2-5** – Clinton Jaycees Carnival

**July 2-5** – Clinton Riverboat Days

**August 13-16** – Camanche Days

**August 16** – Rod & Custom Car Show

**August 22** – Butterfly Fest

**October 26** – Mardi Gras Parade

**October 31** – Downtown Trick or Treat

**November 22** – Christmas Downtown Open House

**November 25** – Symphony of Lights Walk

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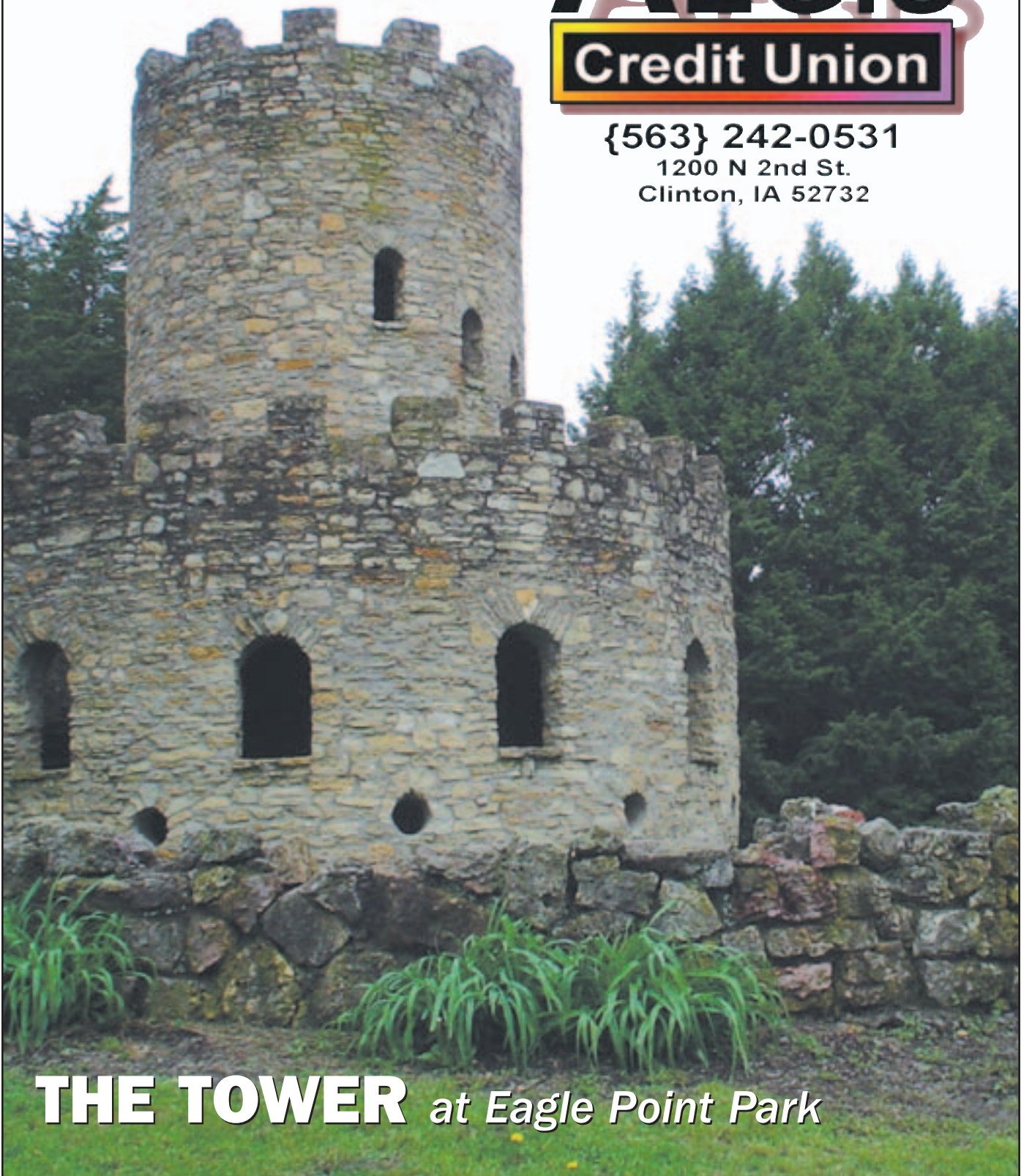
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The first residents of this area were the Winnebago, Pottawattamie and Fox Indian tribes. Many American Indians settled here because of the good hunting grounds and because Fulton was situated in a narrow part of the river, which made the Mississippi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

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

The second building was a small cabin on the riverbank

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

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

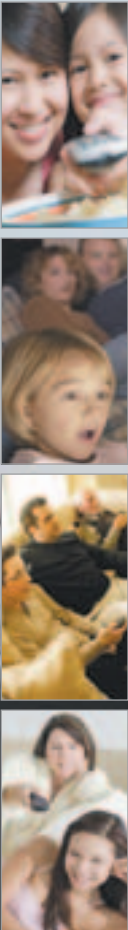
In 1838, the ferry between Fulton and the Lyons Post Office opened. Fulton was a prime crossing to westward migration and for many years ferries ran between the Illinois and Iowa banks. The County Commissioners' Court issued a license in 1840 to run a ferry across the

Mississippi River to Caleb Clark. Rates were considered high: a single fare cost 25 cents, a man and a horse cost 75 cents, two-wheel carriages cost \$1, and hogs and sheep cost 12.5 cents per head.

Also in 1838, the first post office was established in Fulton. John Baker was appointed as postmaster.




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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.

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

The subscription price was \$1.50 per year.

Its office building was located in what is now the 200 Block of Ninth Avenue. That

building was razed following the great flood of 1965.

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

In 1855, the Dement House Hotel was built. The hotel was 96 by 110 feet in size and five stories high including the basement. The lavish hotel cost \$100,000 to construct and contained \$40,000 worth of furnishings. The walls were built of stone taken from Fulton quarries.

Its 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 Soldier's College.

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

In 1902, the college became a military academy again until its 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.

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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In 1938, the Mississippi River Parkway Commission was appointed to protect and enhance the Great River Road. In 1964, the provinces of Ontario and

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The Great River Road passes through 10 states.

The Illinois Great River Road corridor winds through 18 counties along the Mississippi River, including Whiteside County. In each of the counties, historical, recreational, cultural, economic, and scenic resources are of major significance to the state of Illinois.

Currently a team of consultants hired by the Western Illinois Tourism Development Office is working on an interpretive and marketing plan for the Great River Road.

The plan will help identify this region to visitors and help secure funding for



local organizations that protect, manage and interpret the Great River Road.

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

The Lincoln Highway was designated a national scenic byway in 2000.

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One of Fulton's biggest attractions is a Dutch windmill, "De Immigrant." The dedication was May 6, 2000, during Fulton's Dutch Days Festival. This is the only authentic Dutch working windmill in Illinois and one of very few in the United States. This authentic Dutch windmill was constructed on the flood control dike in the heart of Fulton. The windmill was engineered and prefabricated 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 until fully operational. Flour can be purchased at the windmill during its regular hours or you may visit the Fulton Meat Market year around.





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## Windmill Museum

The construction of Fulton's newest museum, located at the corner of 10th Avenue and First Street, near "de Immigrant" Windmill, began in fall 2008.

The museum will house both an extensive collection of 22 European model windmills, ranging in size from 3-foot to 6-foot tall, as well as additional artifacts and special exhibits pertaining to multi-cultural heritages, including Dutch.

The windmill collection is being donated to the city by Henk and June Hielema of DeMotte, Ind. Henk Hielema was born and raised in The Netherlands and the couple lived in Europe for 15 years before returning to the states. They began creating their

windmill collection because they noticed fewer and fewer windmills in Europe. The Hielemas did extensive research about each windmill, taking them approximately six years to complete their collection. The collection includes windmills from several European countries including Germany, England, Ireland, Greece, Denmark and several provinces of The Netherlands. Each windmill is unique, depending upon the locality, natural resources and climate. Some of the windmills will be motorized so visitors can see an operational windmill.

A planning committee has been meeting weekly since the beginning of August 2008 to assist the city with the construction, interior layout and



future operational needs of the museum. The project cost has been being funded by several sources, including a state tourism grant, a city loan to be paid back via the hotel/motel tax, windmill volunteer groups and additional fundraisers.

While most commonly referred to as the "windmill museum" because of its location and future contents, planning committee members

decided to get the community involved in the naming of the structure. This is similar to when the windmill was named in early 2000 by Rachael Ottens. All name suggestions were to be submitted by March 1, 2009, with the announcement of the name to be later in the year. The museum was tentatively expected to be open in July or August of 2009.

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From 1954 until 1967, the quarry sat abandoned because of damage to both sides of the river due to the dynamiting and became an eyesore to the community. In 1967, Harold and Thelma Wierenga bought the quarry with the plan to preserve Midwestern history without disturbing nature. The couple built their home on the site of the old rock crusher and then converted the

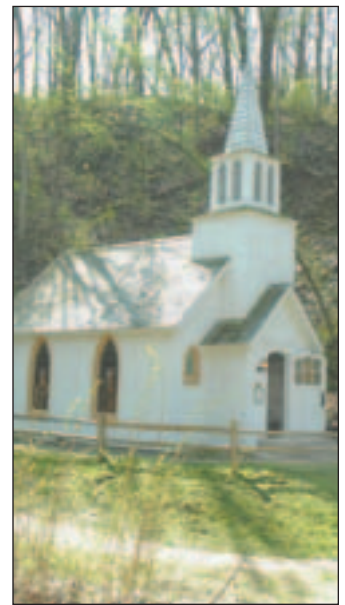


machine shop into a workshop. The couple worked on the canyon, building and assembling authentic looking buildings from the 1860s, trying to keep everything authentic and focused on detail. Some of the items came from donations and volunteers. Harold also purchased some items at auctions and sales.

The canyon was given to the city of Fulton in 2005, sev-

eral years after Harold's death. The Early American Crafters, a group of local citizens who share a love of history, volunteer their time to host the yearly events, help maintain the park and buildings and act as guides for tours of 10 people or more.

This unique attraction offers a variety of sights for a family, school group or individual. Markers are placed on



the trail, allowing for guided tours through the canyon.

The canyon features a swinging bridge made of steel-woven cables that were used in the quarry's operations.

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#### **Dutch Days Festival      May 1-2, 2009 (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 1, 2 & 3, 2009 from 10am to 4pm.

#### **Lincoln Buy-Way Sales Event      August 7-8, 2009**

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#### **Fall Festival      October 10-11, 2009 (2nd weekend in October)**

Downtown Fulton and Heritage Canyon      10am-4pm

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 10 & 11, 2009 10am to 4pm.

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#### **Christmas Walk      December 4-5, 2009 5pm - 7pm (first Fri. & following Sat. in December)**

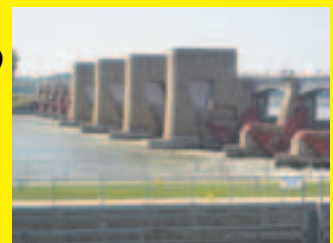
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Annual community festival celebrating Christmas. Music, Downtown Shopping, Food, Wagon Rides, Children's Crafts, Santa Claus, Live Nativity, The Grinch, Ice Carving, and Much More. Early American Crafters re-enact life as it was in the 1800's at Heritage Canyon- December 5, 2009 4pm to 8pm (Illuminated Walk).

#### **Annual Bald Eagle Watch      January 2, 2010 (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



## HERITAGE

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This swinging bridge is a favorite for most of the students that come to Heritage Canyon on class field trips.

The canyon features buildings such as an authentic log cabin, town hall, doctor's office, one-room school house, an old mill, village blacksmith and wagon works and the old print shop. The Main Street area contains a general store and ice cream store where visitors can purchase items and treats during events, as well as a pipe factory, funeral parlor, bank and a dressmaker and hat shop.

One special attraction in the canyon is the 1860 house. This authentic home was built in Garden Plain area has been dismantled and reassembled

at Heritage Canyon. Next to the 1860 house sits a summer kitchen that is filled with dishes, an old stove and jars of seasonings and spices. This unattached summer kitchen was moved in one piece from a farm north of Fulton.

The 52-foot covered bridge offers a view of the canyon and several of the town buildings. This path then leads to the Canyon Church, another favorite spot for visitors. This small white building is complete with pulpit, altar, pews, baptismal font, a small pump organ and three bells in the bell tower and is a favorite in the canyon. The large stained-glass window came from a church on the Iowa and South Dakota border and the small windows at the back are from the old Christian Reformed Church in Fulton. This church is available for weddings.

Three times a year visitors



can walk through the open buildings and watch as people depict life in the 1860s. Heritage Canyon and the Early American Crafters plan and participate in these three annual events; Dutch Days, Fall Festival and Christmas Walk. Dutch Days is always held the first weekend in May. Fall Festival is the second weekend in October. The Christmas Walk 2009 is held in early December, featuring an illuminated walk. During

these events, admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Heritage Canyon is open to the public from April 15 to Dec. 15 every year, depending on the weather. People can come into the canyon for self-guided tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Groups of 10 or more who would like a guided tour should call (815) 589-2616 at least two weeks in advance.

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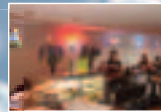
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## MORRISON

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The Galena and Chicago Union Railroad didn't make money by caving into unreasonable demands. They opted to bypass Unionville and go through Morrison instead.

Morrison was surveyed and platted in 1855 with the first train coming through on Oct. 19 of that year, according to Wayne Bastian's "A History of Whiteside County."

Morrison didn't seem too interested in incorporating as only 20 votes were cast, 17 in favor, two opposed and there was one blank ballot.

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. Cole (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



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Morrison-Rockwood State Park is composed of 1,164 acres, located north of Morrison in Whiteside County. It was established

in 1971 and officially opened for day-use only that same year. The park is named for the city of Morrison and a combination of nearby Rock Creek and the heavily wooded park area — Rockwood. Lake Carlton, a focal point of the park, is a watershed impoundment constructed in 1969 by building a 38-foot high, 1,800-foot long earthen dam across a stream. The lake was named in memory of L. Carlton Anderson, a local citizen who actively promoted the park and was an important civic and conservation leader. Improvements have continued to be made in the conservation area, making it one of the most popular recreation spots in northern Illinois.

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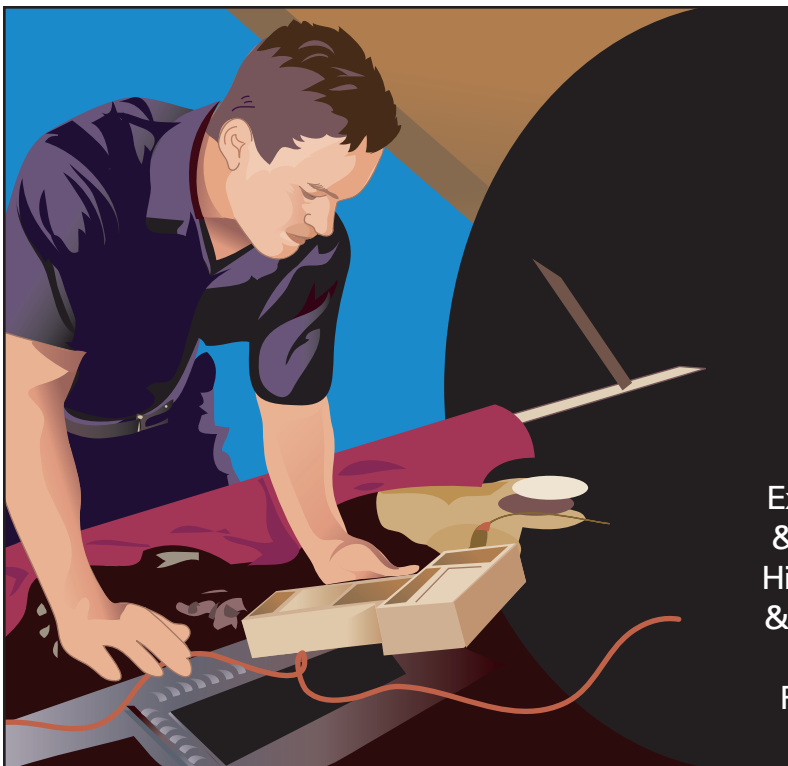
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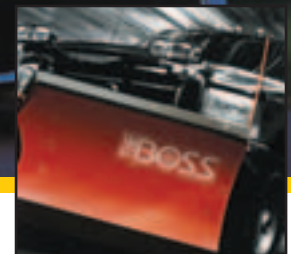
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## ROCKWOOD

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Camping at Morrison-Rockwood State Park is sure to delight all who love the out-of-doors. Ninety-two camping sites are available in heavily wooded areas of the park. Each site has electricity, grill and

table. A shower building with flush toilets is available from May 1 to Oct. 31. A trailer dump station is located near the campground.

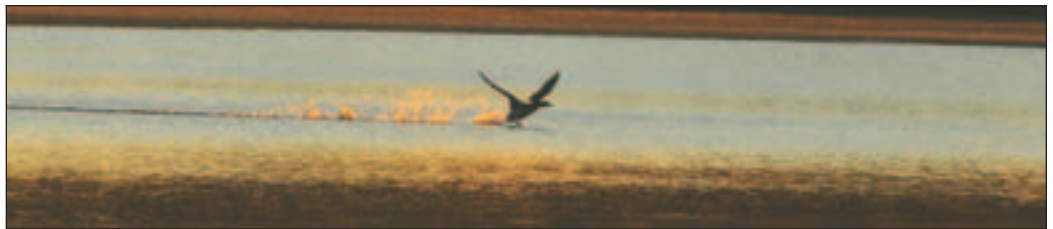
Lake Carlton provides one of the best fishing spots in Illinois. Its average depth is 12 feet, with a maximum depth of 27 feet. It has a shoreline of 2.9 miles with plenty of room for shore fishermen. Initial stocking of the lake was completed in 1970 and the lake has been managed since then to maintain a plentiful fishing variety. Anglers may catch largemouth bass, black crappie, Rock bass, channel

catfish, 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 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 mature trail is marked for hikers. It offers many scenic views of the lake as it winds through the park. The 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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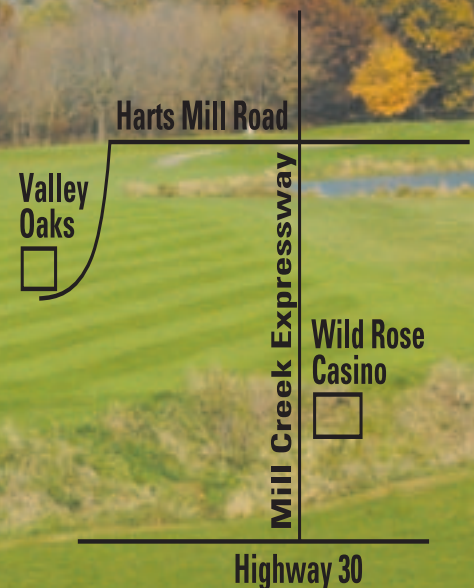
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## DEWITT

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- On June 20, the 22nd Annual Paul Skeffington Memorial Race will be held. This two or five mile walk/run is focused on family participation and begins at 8 a.m. The one-mile fun run begins at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee before June 2 will be \$20. Entry fee after June 2 is \$25.

### July

- The Annual Fourth of July Parade will be held July 4, at 10 a.m., preceded by a community pancake breakfast.

- The Clinton County Fair will be held from Wednesday, July 15 to Sunday July, 19. This family event, held at the fair grounds, offers fun with animals and daily entertainment.

### September



- The DeWitt Autumn Fest is typically held on the second Friday in September. This event includes rides, a petting zoo, food, fun and musical entertainment.

### November

- On the second Sunday in

November, the Holiday Expo will be held. This expo allows people a sneak peek at what DeWitt merchants have to offer for the holiday gift giving season.

### Other DeWitt activities

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The DeWitt Fitness Center is equipped with an indoor pool, weight equipment, a jogging track and several racquetball courts. A variety of adult and youth classes are offered at the Fitness Center. Several parks adorn the community, including Lincoln Park, Paarmann Park and Westbrook Park, with an extensive walking/biking trail.

DeWitt offers a large variety of restaurants and hotels for visitors. Entertainment options in DeWitt include year-round family sports, an 18-hole golf course, bowling lanes, theater, swimming and tennis courts. For more information, contact the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce at (563) 650-8500 or [info@dewitt.org](mailto:info@dewitt.org).



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Gardener's vegetable show or the flower show. Children will enjoy entertainment and a petting zoo. Adults will be able to watch or anticipate in the ever popular Monster Arm Wrestling contest. Other events and entertainment will be available as well.

Anyone wanting to help

the Clinton County Fair may become a sponsor. For any questions, call the fair board office at (563) 659-5125 on Wednesdays.

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general merchandise across the river to become the first businessman in Camanche.

Close on his heels came Charles Darrow in the same business, and in 1837 Peck’s son, Franklin, put up an 18-by-20-foot log cabin on one of his father’s lots and it became the first hotel in Clinton County.

The first owners of lots in Camanche (named after an Indian tribe, but misspelled) formed a pool to build a ferry to Albany, Ill. The ferry was described as “an old mud scow that took half a day to cross and come back.”

**CAMANCHE**, continued on 75





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## CAMANCHE

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

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

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

William D. Follett, of Sodus, N.Y., settled on the Wapsi River bottoms and knew the hillsides facing southeast would make good

orchards and vineyards. The next year he walked back to New York for young stock to plant on the slopes.

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

Clinton County was 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.

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## CAMANACHE

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

The commissioners borrowed \$200 and sent it to the Dubuque land office in the

care of the sheriff to register the new location.

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

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

ers and a steady commercial fishing industry.

The first county fair was held in Camanche in 1859.

Then, on Sunday, June 3, 1860, all of the growth and activity came to a sudden stop. Without warning, two fierce tornados united southwest of DeWitt and bore down on Camanche.

In two or three minutes, the tornado killed 29 people and left 76 seriously injured and 38 missing (32 bodies were later found). Three hundred of the 350 homes in town

were destroyed, along with 29 businesses, two hotels and two churches. Horses, cows and whole buildings simply disappeared.

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



## Camanche Days

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will be featured as will a Prince and Princess contest and a Miss Teen contest. A Senior King and Queen contest is also scheduled. The Camanche Classics 5K run, kids fun run and Diaper Derby will be contested with golf, tennis and softball tournaments on tap. Pool, arm wrestling, co-ed sand volleyball and other events are among the fun things to do.

The 30th annual Camanche Fireman's Pancake Breakfast will be served.

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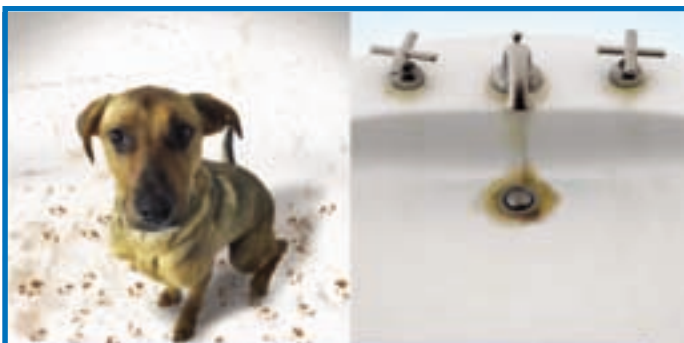
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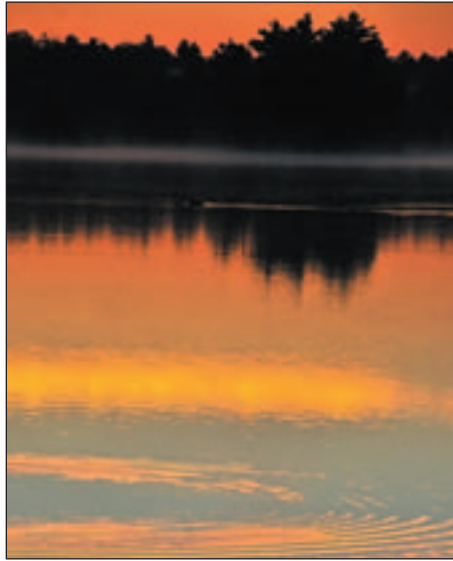
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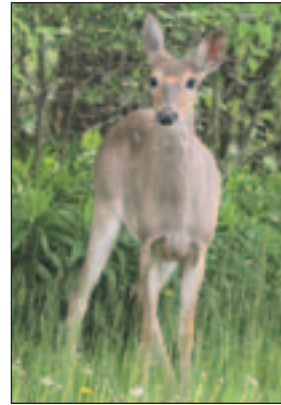
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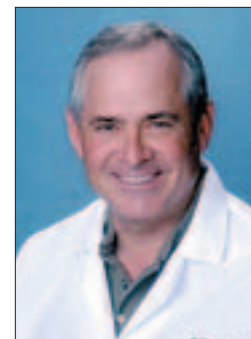
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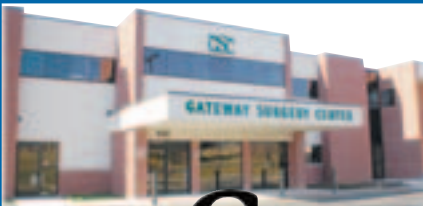
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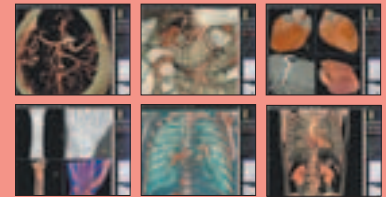
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