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## CVB Community Map

The Clinton CVB is pleased to announce that sales for its upcoming community map are now underway. The 5,000 maps are on target to print this fall, and will be distributed in and around the Convention & Visitors Bureau service area. It's been several years since the Visitors Bureau has published a full-color, glossy community map, featuring a street-level map showing local points of interest and county or regional map(s) that show primary and secondary roads and major points of interest. Advertising in this map has advantages that go beyond the traditional print publication.

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## Exhibit at the River Arts Center

Mary B. Paul, Administrative Assistant for Clinton Regional Development Corporation has been selected by the Clinton Art Association as the "Featured Artist" at the River Arts Center from March 9, 2011 through May 1, 2011. A Reception will be held for her on Sunday, March 13, from 1-4 p.m., also at the River Arts Center. Mary B. has worked in pencil, charcoal, oils, acrylics, casein and pastels, but her favorite medium is watercolor – especially watercolor with pen and ink. She has also done a lot of decorative painting in oils and acrylics, plus painting on glassware with decorative enamels. Painted wine glasses and beer mugs, decorated with the bride's flowers and wedding colors, have been a favorite of many bridal parties in the area. Her watercolors and glassware will be part of this exhibit.

Mary B. is a current member of the Palisades Art League in Savanna IL and the Clinton Art Association. She has won some awards at local art exhibits, including "Best of Show" at two of the Palisades Art Leagues' annual fall shows. She states, "When I give someone a gift of painted glassware, or someone buys an original watercolor, that makes me very happy. But when my artwork makes someone else happy, it is then I feel that, just maybe, I can call myself an 'Artist'."

The River Arts Center is located at 229 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. in Clinton, and is open to the public on Wednesday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

## "A Martini Affair"

Rastrelli's presents "A Martini Affair," featuring Pearl brand flavored vodkas. The event will take place Friday, March 25, 2011 in the Tuscany Special Events Center at Rastrelli's Restaurant from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Guests will be able to sample several different flavored martinis, and a cash bar will be available. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and the featured entertainment for the evening will be Travis Hosette, performing in the style of Frank Sinatra. Tickets are \$34.95 in advance and \$39.95 at the door.

## Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Clinton County Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held on March 27, 2011 at Wild Rose Casino & Resort. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with dinner at 1 p.m. The after dinner address is by Tom Fullerton of the Clinton County Development Association (CCDA). Reservations are required by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$10.00 per person.



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## Visiting Artist Series

Since its formation in 1990, the **Maia String Quartet**, Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Iowa, has established itself nationally as an ensemble of innovation and versatility. Praised by critics for its "sparkling musical intelligence," the quartet has appeared in major concert halls, including New York's Alice Tully Hall, Merkin Hall and the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, Washington DC's Kennedy Center, Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall and the Aspen Music Festival's Harris Hall. Collaborations with leading chamber musicians include performances with Joel Krosnick, Andre-Michel Schub and Cynthia Phelps. The Maia's commit to the work of living composers with premieres of compositions by Pierre Jalbert, Dan Coleman, Vivian Fung and Ronn Yedidia.

As part of Eastern Iowa Community College District's Visiting Artist Series, the Maia String Quartet will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011 at the Clinton Community College Technology Center in Clinton. These performances are free and open to the public.

## Horticulture in the Heartland

This day-long conference will be held on March 5, 2011 at Clinton Community College, 1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker Robert Smith, certified arborist, will speak beginning at 8 a.m. Sessions are from 9-10:50 a.m., followed by lunch from noon-12:30 p.m. From 12:30-1:30 p.m., there will be a panel of speakers. Door prizes and closing remarks begin at 1:30 p.m.

Horticulture in the Heartland is sponsored by Clinton Trees Forever, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton Community College and Clinton County Master Gardeners.

## 2011 Stick Horse Fun Show

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stick Horse Fun Show will be held on Sunday, March 13 at Eagle Point Park Lodge. Registration begins at 1:45 p.m. The fun will conclude by 4 p.m. There is no charge, plus there's free pop and popcorn and door prizes. The event is open to "riders" 3 to 10 years old. Bring your favorite stick horse, or you may borrow one from the club's "stable." For more information, call 563-243-1260 or 563-242-1948. The event is co-sponsored by the Clinton Recreation Department and the Clinton County Society Horse Show Association.

## Children's Discovery Center Breakfast

The annual breakfast for the Discovery Center will be held at Happy Joe's in Clinton from 6:30-10 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee. Tickets (in advance) are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-10). Tickets at the door are \$9 and \$5. Call 563-243-3600 for more information.

## Card Party Luncheon

The Women's Club will resume their Card Party Luncheon on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the Curtis Mansion, 420 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. in Clinton. Enjoy sandwiches from Corner Deli and salads and desserts provided by members of the Women's Club. Cost is just \$8.00. Come for lunch only or stay and play cards. Call 563-8556 by noon on March 21<sup>st</sup> to make your reservations.

## Links to Learning Workshop

This Workshop is offered by the Clinton Public Library. It is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. You can learn how to create an outstanding resume, prepare for exams, how to fix your car, find new ideas for innovative party favors, fun games or decorations, how to download free e-Books, view animated, talking children's books or listen to audio books on your computer. Discover how to search online databases through this workshop on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Clinton Public Library, 306 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. in Clinton. In this informative workshop, you will learn how to access these databases from any internet computer via our Clinton Public Library website, [www.clinton.lib.ia.us](http://www.clinton.lib.ia.us), including logon procedures and passwords specific to each database, tours and highlights.

The workshop is led by Kim Limond, Reference Librarian and Lanie Lass, Circulation Assistant. After the workshop, participants may logon to available computers individually for an hour at the library that evening or at their own convenience. Watch for announcements of future workshops featuring detailed explorations of databases, such as a jobs search workshop in May and a school lessons and exams workshop in September.

To learn more about their online databases and services, call the Clinton Public Library at 242-8441 or the Lyons Branch Library at 242-5355 or stop by and ask a library staff member for more information.

## Curing Cabin Fever III Geocaching Event

This event will be held on March 26, 2011 at Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, located at 7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson IL. Some folks are versed in Geocaching while others don't even know how to pronounce it. For those not familiar, it's pronounced (JEE-oh-CASHing). It is a high-tech treasure hunt using a hand-held Global Positioning System receiver (GPSr) to find a treasure or cache. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and "treasure," usually toys or trinkets of little monetary value. This event is geared towards beginners, however, all levels are welcome. Call the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge office at 815-273-2732, ext. 16, to register. Come and be prepared to cure your Cabin Fever. Activities begin at 9 a.m.

## B-rrry Scurry Update

Recently, B-rrry Scurry race directors were recognized for their commitment to the continuation of the race through the years. Volunteers of the Year honors were awarded to Mark Schroeder, Dory Briles, Gene Hugelen, Renee Simmons, Bob Miller, Jim Thyne, Tim Sievers, Alan Campbell and Anne Schmidt. Clinton Community College's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the B-rrry Scurry 4-mile road race was held on February 5, 2011, with 744 runners participating.

## ShamROCK

The Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce presents ShamROCK on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, 2011, 5-8 p.m. at Manny's Too, 305 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fulton IL. Tickets are \$15.00 for Chamber members and \$20.00 for the general public. Price includes ice cold beer, delicious, heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, music and more! Reservations are required. Call the Chamber at 563-242-5702. Tickets will not be available at the door.

## The Last River Rat

Kenny Salwey is certainly the last of a breed of men whose lifestyle has all but disappeared in this fast-paced, high-tech digital world. He earned a tough living with the land, close to Nature and the Mississippi River using only his native wit. For 30 years this weathered woodsman eked out a meager living running a trapline, hiring out as river guide, digging and selling roots and herbs, and eating the food he hunted, fished, and/or bartered for or gathered from the wild.

Kenny's life has been captured on film the Emmy Award-winning Mississippi: Tales of the Last River Rat, which won 7 International Wildlife and Nature Film Festival awards from England to France to the United States. This one-hour documentary focuses on the seasonal ebbs and flows of the Upper Mississippi River and its wildlife, as seen through the eyes of this veteran river rat. He has presented his true-life adventures and words of natural world wisdom to adult audiences all across the Upper Midwest in keynote addresses. He has also written three books. His blend of folksy humor and respect for both the natural world and for his audience has gained him wide acclaim.

Today Kenny Salwey is a master storyteller, environmental educator, keynote speaker, nature writer and advocate for the Upper Mississippi River, and he will be appearing here in Clinton, Iowa. Clinton County Izaak Walton League presents KENNY SALWEY, The Last River Rat, on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon Cook Little Theatre at Clinton High School. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under age 10. For advance tickets, call 563-243-3106. Proceeds go to the Clinton County Izaak Walton League Conservation & Environmental Programs.

## Events at Soaring Eagle Nature Center

March 3rd ~ Music in the Loft ~ 7 PM ~ Local talents will provide entertaining instrumental and vocal offerings of a wide variety of music. Participants with musical talents are invited to bring their instruments along and all are encouraged to sing, tap their toe, slap their knee or just listen. Refreshments are available and the entire family is welcome. This is a free event, although donations to support the center are always welcome.

March 9th ~ OWLS Outing (Older, Wiser, Livelier Souls) ~ Building Backyards for Blue Birds ~ 1 PM ~ The Eastern Blue Bird will be making its return in early spring and for those who love beautifully colored things, this bird's return is a welcome one. Come learn the history and habits of this fascinating and endearing little creature and how you can invite their presence at your residence. Participants will have the opportunity to build a nest box and walk a blue bird box trail learning tips for a successful blue bird experience. Box kits and building materials are furnished for \$5 each. Call 563-847-7202 to order your kit today.

March 19th ~ Pancake Breakfast ~ 8-11 AM ~ Join fellow conservationists in support of Clinton's nature center locally known as The Nature Barn. A free-will donation at the door will treat you to hot cakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, milk, juice and a hot drink (coffee, cocoa or apple cider). The center is located south of Eagle Point City Park and serves a large area bringing in classrooms from Clinton, DeWitt, Long Grove, Princeton and others. Public outreach programs are also staged often at the center so your donation will serve a wide range of people.





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# Calendar of events

## **March**

- March 3 – Music in the Loft, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 7 p.m.
- March 5 – Horticulture in the Heartland, Clinton Community College, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 7 – Visiting Artist Series presents: Maia Quartet, CCC Technology Center, 7 p.m.
- March 9 – “Owls Outing,” Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 1 p.m.
- March 9 – Digging up Dinosaurs, Children’s Discovery Center, 2 p.m.
- March 10 – Kenny Salwey “The Last River Rat,” Vernon Cook Theatre at CHS, 7 p.m.
- March 11 – Digging Up Dinosaurs, Children’s Discovery Center, 10:30 a.m.
- March 12 – Trinity J.A. Bowl-A-Thon, Clinton Plaza Bowl, 1:30-3:30 or 4-6 p.m.
- March 13 – Artist Reception for Mary B. Paul, River Arts Center, 1-4 p.m.
- March 13 – Stick Horse Fun Show, Eagle Point Park Lodge, 1:45-4 p.m.
- March 17 – ShamROCK, Manny’s Too, 5-8 p.m.
- March 19 – Pancake Breakfast, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 8-11 a.m.
- March 19 – Icicle Bicycle Ride, Happy Joe’s, 9 a.m.
- March 20 – Vernal Equinox, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 5:30 p.m.
- March 22 – Card Party Luncheon, Noon, Curtis Mansion
- March 24 – Links to Learning Workshop, Clinton Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
- March 25 – “A Martini Affair,” featuring Travis Hosette, Rastrelli’s, 5:30-9 p.m.
- March 26 – Discovery Center Annual Breakfast, Happy Joe’s, 6:30-10 a.m.
- March 26 – Geocaching Event, Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, Thomson IL, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- March 26 – Growing Families Expo, Clinton Community College, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 26 – “Crowns All Around,” Children’s Discovery Center, 11 a.m.
- March 27 – Clinton County Historical Society Annual Meeting, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 12:30 p.m.