



# Tourism NEWS

Things to do...  
with a river view!



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In keeping with our theme and due to the popularity of “Finally Friday at the River,” the special events committee of the Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau will again host this event the second Friday of June, July, August and September. The hours are 5:00 – 8:00. All of the concerts are free so bring your chairs and blankets to the Riverview Park Bandshell for a night of music and fun. Food vendors will be available so plan on eating “out” while listening to good music. Sandwiches, snacks, drinks and beer...good concert food.

The first concert will be June 10<sup>th</sup> and the Dani Lynn Howe Band will entertain us. Dani Lynn shares a morning radio show on WLLR in the Quad-Cities and she and her band are very popular in this area.

On Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> we will present the Slough Buoys, a local band made up of four guys who grew up on the Mississippi River doing the acoustic music of the Eagles, America and The Guess Who.

Our third concert on August 12<sup>th</sup> features Down 24, again a local rock/punk band with a huge following from the teen to 35 crowd. They play original songs as well as popular.

September 9<sup>th</sup> will be Danika Holmes another Quad-City artist with a popular and Americana genre. Mike Wolfe of the History Channel’s “American Pickers” located in LeClaire, Iowa says, “Danika is a true American talent.”

As you can see, we have something for everyone and for sure you’ll want to attend at least one concert if not all of them and enjoy some summer evenings in Clinton, Iowa where there will always be “Things To Do With A River View.”

Marsha Smith

CVB Interim Director



## LumberKing Events Re-Scheduled

“Meet the Team Night” has been rescheduled and will now take place on Saturday, May 7 prior to the 6 p.m. game against Burlington. Clinton LumberKings’ players and coaches will be on hand to meet with fans outside the home clubhouse starting at 4:30 p.m.

“Shelter Awareness Night” will also be held on May 7. That evening, fans who donate unused, personal care or household cleaning items to the Clinton/Jackson Coalition for the Homeless will receive a discounted General Admission ticket for that night’s game for just \$3.00. Donations will be accepted at Alliant Energy Field from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

For tickets, official LumberKing’s merchandise and more information, call the LumberKings at 563-242-0727 or visit [www.lumberkings.com](http://www.lumberkings.com).

## “Posies in a Bag or Boot”

The Bickelhaupt Arboretum presents ... “Posies in a Bag or Boot” on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m. at the Arboretum, 340 So. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Clinton. Come play in the dirt!! Enjoy this program by Margo Hansen on annual flowers. Then plant a purse or boot planter to take home. There is a \$10.00 donation fee. Please call ahead – there is a limited class size. Call the Arboretum at 563-242-4771.



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## Margaret Sauer's Grape Street Studio

The River Arts Center will be hosting an exhibit by Grape Street Studio artists from Morrison, beginning May 4 and continuing through June 12. There will be a reception for the artists on Sunday, May 15, from 1-4 PM. The public is welcome to attend. The gallery is open for viewing every Wednesday through Sunday from 1-4 PM and is also available for group meetings and/or tours by calling 563-243-3300.

Margaret Sauer was the founder of the group – Grape Street Studio – and some of her work will be shown. These artists have continued painting at Grape Street and will be exhibiting in this show: Denesse Yohn, Gay Elfline, Margaret Kettler, Barb Stotzer, and Nora Kate Wood. Margaret Sauer grew up in Bad Axe, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan. In the year 1993, Margaret moved into the home that her grandfather built in Morrison, Illinois.

Soon after moving in, she added an art studio to the property. Friends gathered here several times a week to paint and appreciate the arts. Margaret was an accomplished artist, and shared her talent and expertise with many people of the community and the school children. She gave of herself and her studio so that many, many people could learn about the arts. She was a world traveler, many times painting her scenes from actual snapshots that she had taken while traveling. Her paintings have taken top awards at many juried art shows.

Margaret was always there to volunteer at our gallery, the River Arts Center in Clinton, Iowa. She has left a legacy of friendship, and fellowship through her art. The Grape Street Studio continues, due to the kindness of Margaret Sauer, and her desire to see the arts reach as many as possible. Our studio is host to many award winning artists, who still gather for the sake of pursuing their art, all due to one very talented, kind woman – Margaret P. Sauer.

## Events at Wide River Winery

Riverview Birding Group of Clinton, IA and Wide River Winery are hosting a "Warblers and Wine Event" on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Wide River Winery, 1776 East Deer Creek Rd. in Clinton. Local birding groups will be on hand to assist with bird identification. Up to 35 different species of warblers migrate through the Clinton area on their way up to nesting grounds in Canada. Wide River Winery, with its excellent habitat, is perfect for this type of event. A bird watching station will be available just outside the winery where viewers can observe birds at tree top level. A second birding station will be set up at the nature trail overlooking Lake Clinton. Spotting scopes will be available for an "up close" look at waterfowl on the Mississippi River.

A limited number of gift certificates to the Winery will be available as door prizes. The drawing will be held at 10:00 a.m. Winners must be present to win. The winery will open at 10:30 a.m. The following birding groups have been invited to attend: Quad City Audubon, Dubuque Audubon, Iowa City Bird Club, and Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge. For more information call Wide River Winery at 563-519-9463 or Linda Boardsen, Riverview Birding Group at 563-219-3446.

On Sunday, May 22, Danika Holmes Duo will entertain at the Winery from 2-5 p.m. Holmes is a singer/songwriter or acoustic, pop and Americana music.

On Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29th and Monday, May 30th, Paul Christian will perform from 2-5 p.m. Listening to Paul Christian while driving down the road with the windows open, you're likely to feel as if you're the star in some quirky, film that has a killer soundtrack.



## Showboat Shuffle

The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre is excited to announce their first annual 5K Run/Walk – the Showboat Shuffle Fundraiser. This is a competitive run that kicks off the Showboat 2011 summer season. Awards will be given for this run along the Clinton bike path, beginning at 8 a.m. on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Clinton Showboat, 303 Riverview Drive in Clinton. Cost is \$22.00 before May 6 and \$27.00 after that. T-shirt and post race refreshments are included. Register at Brinkman Building Center in Fulton IL or at Clinton Printing in Clinton. To register online go to [www.clintonshowboat.org](http://www.clintonshowboat.org) and click on Showboat Shuffle.

For more information or questions, call Robin at 563-212-4478 or e-mail [rlm@iowatelecom.net](mailto:rlm@iowatelecom.net).



## Click to Careers Workshop

Discover how to search for jobs and enhance career skills online through the free Click to Careers Workshop on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm, on the second floor of the Clinton Public Library, 306 8th Avenue South.

In this informative workshop, participants will learn how to search for jobs via the Iowa Workforce Development website, [www.iowajobs.org](http://www.iowajobs.org), and find professional exams and career skills training via the Clinton Public Library website, [www.clinton.lib.ia.us](http://www.clinton.lib.ia.us), including logon procedures and passwords, website tours and highlights. Participants will learn how to search online for information on federal and state jobs, jobs in a certain salary range, career field or geographic area, interviewing and networking skills, creating great resumes and cover letters, and professional certification exams, courses and e-books.

The Click to Careers Workshop is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. The workshop, led by Lee Goers, Workforce Advisor, Iowa Workforce Development; Kim Limond, Reference Librarian, Clinton Public Library, and Lanie Lass, Circulation Assistant, Clinton Public Library, is the second in a series of quarterly workshops sponsored by the Clinton Public Library designed in an easy-to-understand lecture format with demonstrations, handouts, and plenty of time to answer your questions. After the workshop, participants may logon to available computers individually at the library at their own convenience.

Resources through LearningExpress Library, an online service provided by the Clinton Public Library, includes self-paced study, instant scoring, and diagnostic feedback and can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection.

To find out more about the Click to Careers Workshop, call the Clinton Public Library, 242-8441 or the Lyons Branch Library, 242-5355, or stop by and ask a library staff member for more information.

## Clinton County Conservation Activities

There will be "Music in the Loft" at the Soaring Eagle Nature Center on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. 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.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, a Night Float in the Princeton Wildlife Area will be held at 8:30 p.m., beginning at Rock Creek. Participants will shuttle from Rock Creek Park to the south landing of the Wildlife Area. There we will put-in to the marsh and make our way north. The group may then decide whether to portage the level into Grant Slough for the return trip or simply turn around. Expect to see wildlife and early flowering plants like marsh marigold and spring cress. The waters will be cool and you should bring an extra set of dry clothing. Dry bags will be provided for each county canoe. Registration is free but limited. Call 563-847-7202 to reserve your spot and any paddling equipment you need.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, a Sunset Cruise will begin in Rock Creek at 7 p.m. Every Thursday evening through October, Clinton County Conservation will be offering naturalist-guided eco cruises aboard the newer, bigger, better and faster Blue Heron pontoon boat on the Mississippi River. Call 563-259-1876 to reserve a spot. Requested donation is \$5/person.





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# Calendar of events

<b>May</b>	1-3,7-9, 13-15,27-30	Clinton LumberKing Baseball, Alliant Energy Field
	3	Clinton Area Showboat Theatre Box Office Opens
	4	Cinco de Mayo with reading program, Children's Discovery Center, 2 p.m.
	4-June 12	Grape Street Studio artists from Morrison IL on exhibit at River Arts Center
	5	Music in the Loft, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 7 p.m.
	6	"Parks for Children," Rotary Charity Auction, Tuscany Events Center, 5-9 p.m.
	7	"Posies in a Bag or Boot," Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10-11 a.m.
	7	"Meet the Team Night" at Alliant Energy Field, 4:30 p.m.
	14-15	Main Avenue Craft Show, Lyons Foursquare Park
	15	Artists' Reception, River Arts Center, 1-4 p.m.
	15	RiverChor Concert, Zion Lutheran Church, 3 p.m.
	19	Click to Careers Workshop, Clinton Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
	21	Riverview Birding Group, Wide River Winery, 8-10 a.m.
	21	Walk for Autism, Imperial Lanes, Camanche IA
	22	Showboat Shuffle 5K Race, starting at the Clinton Showboat
	24	Card Party Luncheon, Curtis Mansion. Reservations due day before by 10 a.m.
	26	Sunset Cruise on Blue Heron, Rock Creek Marina, 7 p.m. Call to reserve a spot.
	28	Letterbox 101, Children's Discovery Center, 11 a.m.-12 noon
	30	When the Saints Go Marching In 5K Run/Walk for St. Irenaeus, Lyons District
31	2011 First Follies, Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, 7 p.m.	