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Clinton LumberKings

The Clinton LumberKings and Seattle Mariners have agreed to extend their Player Development Contract through the 2012 season. The agreement keeps Seattle's low-A affiliate in Clinton for two more years following a successful two-year partnership that began in 2009.

"We're excited to be continuing a fantastic relationship with the Mariners, one that has brought success on and off the field for two seasons," said LumberKings' General Manager Ted Tornow. "Seattle has provided us with talented coaches and players and has stayed competitive for two seasons, giving us much to look forward to through 2012."

After a 2009 season that saw the LumberKings narrowly miss the post-season with a 69-68 overall record (fourth in the Midwest League's West Division), the 2010 edition of the club went 74-65, qualifying for the playoffs as the second-half West Division Wild Card.

"We are pleased to have reached agreement with the Clinton LumberKings on an extension of our player development agreement," Mariners' Director of Player Development Pedro Grifol said. "Clinton has provided a great environment for our players to experience championship baseball. The LumberKings ownership has been great to work with; the players get a first-class environment and get to play in front of great fans."

The LumberKings, 2010 Midwest League West Division Champions, will play their first home game at Alliant Energy Field on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 563-242-0727 or visit www.lumberkings.com.

Saturday at the Arb

Alaska or Bust: A great Adventure by Margo & Anne

Take a journey to the Land of the Midnight Sun with Margo Hansen and Anne Schmidt. You will see some of the flora and fauna that abound in our 49th state and travel from Anchorage to Seward where you'll enjoy a segment of our six-hour ocean tour aboard the Orca Voyager. You'll see wildlife on the Kenai Fjords in Resurrection Bay, visit farmers' markets, and experience the town of Talkeetna, which was used as a model for the TV program, "Northern Lights." You might even catch a glimpse of Mt. McKinley!

This program will be presented on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Arboretum from 10-11 a.m. Join Margo and Anne on this great adventure by calling the Bickelhaupt Arboretum at 563-242-4771 to make your reservations.

Clinton Symphony Orchestra

"Brahms and Youth" concert, featuring outstanding high school student, Heather Elflin a sophomore flutist from Morrison High School, who will be guest soloist with the Symphony. She was selected from a field of 10 well-qualified high school musicians from throughout the area. She will perform the first movement of Mozart's First Flute concerto, accompanied by the orchestra. In addition, the concert will feature the First Symphony by Brahms and the overture to "The Wasps," by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$12.00. All students are admitted free in honor of our student soloist.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 26, 2011 at Morrison High School Auditorium.



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Clinton Area Showboat Theatre Summer of 2011

Nonsense begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show.

Rating: G JUNE 2-12

Altar Boyz tells the holy inspiring story of 5 small-town boys – Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham – trying to save the world one screaming fan at a time. Their pious pop act, including lyrics like “Girl You Make Me Wanna Wait” and “Jesus Called Me On My Cell Phone,” worked wonders on the Ohio bingo-hall-and-pancake-breakfast circuit. But when fate brings them to New York, will the boyz take a bite out of the forbidden apple? With angelic voices, sinfully spectacular dancing and a touching story, Altar Boyz is destined to rock the masses of all denominations!

Rating: PG JUNE 3-12

HIGH FIDELITY follows Rob, the thirty-something owner of Championship Vinyl, a beloved Chicago record store. When his current relationship with girlfriend Laura goes south, Rob enlists the help of his two quirky clerks to expound on the intricacies of life and music while revisiting his former relationships to find out where he went wrong.

Rating: PG-13 JUNE 16-26

The Drowsy Chaperone is an homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age. Act one begins in the modern day with The Man in Chair, a mousy, vaguely depressive Broadway fanatic whose coping mechanism involves listening repeatedly to a recording of a 1928 stage show, The Drowsy Chaperone. When he first turns on his phonograph and static breaks from the speakers, he wistfully tells the audience, “I love that sound. To me, that’s the sound of a time machine starting up.” By the time the first note sails out of his speakers, he’s been transported to a magical dream world, and 1928 comes alive in his apartment along with an entire Broadway performance of The Drowsy Chaperone in his apartment.

Rating: G JULY 14-24

“Annie” is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan’s evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Rating: G JULY 28-AUGUST 7

“EVITA”: Argentina’s controversial First Lady is the subject of this dynamic musical masterpiece. As an illegitimate fifteen year old, Eva escaped her dirt-poor existence for the bright lights of Buenos Aires. Driven by ambition and blessed with charisma, she was a starlet at twenty-two, the president’s mistress at twenty-four, First Lady at twenty-seven, and dead at thirty-three. Eva Peron “saint to the working-class, reviled by the aristocracy and mistrusted by the military” was destined to leave a fascinating political legacy unique in the 20th century. Told through a compelling score that fuses haunting chorales with exuberant Latin, pop and jazz influences, EVITA creates an arresting theatrical portrait as complex as the woman herself.

Rating: PG AUGUST 11-21

Camp Glee

The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre will again host Camp Glee, a Musical Theatre Camp for students 1st through 8th Grade in 2011. This is a fun way for kids to learn about theatre, dance, music and the arts. This 2-week camp runs Monday through Friday, June 27-July 8 (no camp on July 4). Kids learn from actual Showboat performers. At the end of the camp there will be performances featuring your kid! Placement is limited with this popular camp at the low price of \$75.00. If you have any questions, call the box office at 563-242-6760 or e-mail boxoffice@clintonshowboat.org. You can download a registration form at <http://summer-stock.org>. Under Education, click on Fine Arts Camp. Sign up today!

Heavenly Valentine's Day Treat on Saturday, February 12

Red wine and chocolate are a darling pair! Please come to the Tasting Room at **Wide River Winery** for a festive afternoon of award winning wines paired with scrumptious chocolate treats. *Live entertainment by Travis Hosette from: 2-5 p.m.* Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes chocolate treat and a glass of wine. For more information or to RSVP contact Martha O'Brien at 563-519-9463 or Email: widerivermartha@gmail.com



Children's Discovery Center Welcomes Four New Exhibits in 2011

New additions include a new grocery store, "Felix's Circus," Outdoor Adventure: Obstacle Course, and "Outreach to Space." These will be NEW, permanent exhibits to add to the collections at the Children's Discovery Center. Along with the four new exhibits, the gift shop and admission areas will also receive upgrades. Two of the exhibits and upgrades are funded in part from a Vision Iowa/CAT Grant and will be in place by summer, 2011. The grocery store received funding from the CCDA and will be complete in the first part of 2011. Tax deductible contributions are appreciated for "Outreach to Space."

Keep the Children's Discovery Center in mind for gift-giving ideas, including Kapla blocks that can be purchased for gifts or family fun! The Discovery Center sells Brio© train and track pieces, "Melissa & Doug" items, Odyssey toys, books, as well as other quality infant, toddler and children's toys! They offer a large selection of items from \$1 to \$9.

Their facilities can host your next birthday party or just fun get-together, with two "themed" special events rooms. You can choose the Castle or the Discovery Woods for your special day! Call the Discovery Center at 563-243-3600 or visit their website at www.adlerdiscoverycenter.org. They are located at 332 8th Ave. So. in Clinton.

Events at Soaring Eagle Nature Center

2nd ~ OWLS Outing (Older, Wiser, Livelier Souls) ~ Ground Hogs and other Iowa Furbearers ~ 1 p.m. ~ Soaring Eagle ~ Celebrate Ground Hog Day with a Clinton County interpretive naturalist who will present on mammal types and behavior. If weather allows, a short animal tracking hike may demonstrate how these traces can tell the story of survival in the wild. We will reserve time for socializing and refreshments.

3rd ~ Music in the Loft ~ 7 p.m. ~ Soaring Eagle ~ 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.

26th ~ Girls' Day Out ~ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~ Soaring Eagle Nature Center ~ Women 10 and up (10-17 year olds must be with a female chaperone) are invited to attend this fun forest foray. There will be activities including, but not limited to, a bird feeding program and viewing and constructing a birdhouse (\$5 to \$30 depending on type). Weather permitting, we will be cross country skiing and snowshoeing otherwise we will be geocaching and hiking. You will need to pack a sack lunch and there is a \$5/person fee. Please call 563-847-7202 to register.





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Calendar of events

February

- 2 OWLS Outing, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 1 p.m.
- 3 Music in the Loft, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 7 p.m.
- 4 "Fun Time Friday" – "Hearts & Hugs" with Elizabeth, Children's Discovery Center, 10:30 a.m.
- 5 30th Annual B-rrry Scurry Race, Clinton Community College, Noon
- 5 Reception for Artist Anna Pagnucci, Ashford University Art Gallery, 4-6 p.m.
- 11 "Footprints in the Snow" with Jessica, Children's Discovery Center
- 11 Mardi Gras Open Miniature Golf Tournament for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wild Rose Resorts Oakwood Grand Ballroom, 6 p.m.
- 12 Saturday at the Arb presents Alaska or Bust, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10-11 a.m.
- 12 "Land of Lincoln" – Celebrate President Lincoln with patriotic projects, Children's Discovery Center, 11 a.m.
- 12 "Heavenly Valentine's Day Treat, Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
- 13 Chocolate Lover's Delight, Curtis Mansion, 1-4 p.m.
- 18 "Patriotic Parade" with Elizabeth, Children's Discovery Center
- 22 Salad Luncheon at Curtis Mansion, Noon
- 25 "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?" by Area Education Agency, Children's Discovery Center
- 26 Girls' Day Out, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 26 Clinton Symphony Orchestra Concert, Morrison High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, Clinton County Historical Museum, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.