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Finally Friday at the River

Get ready for summer and “Finally Friday at the River,” the Convention & Visitors Bureau annual concert series! On Friday, June 10th, the “Dani Lynn Howe Band” will entertain you. Dani Lynn shares a morning radio show on WLLR in the Quad Cities. She and her band are very popular in this area. Along with the free concert in the Riverview Park Bandshell from 5-8 p.m., our food vendor, Boy Scout Troop #642, will serve up delicious sandwiches, snacks and drinks, and the Jaycees will have their Beer Tent. So bring the family and come on down and enjoy an evening of music and fun. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Finally Friday at the River is sponsored by 7G Distributing, Don’s Jewelry, Electric Service, Homer’s Deli, Sedona Staffing and Valley Bank.

Events at the River Arts Center

The River Arts Center will be hosting a series of events in June. The Clinton Art Association holds its Annual Meeting and election of officers on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m., followed by a performance at 7:30 p.m. open to the public at no charge. Tom Milligan of Des Moines will repeat a popular performance, “Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel,” in which he portrays Wood from childhood into his later years becoming a well-known regional artist. On display in the gallery will be paintings by Carl Flick, a student of Wood, and father-in-law of Dorthe Flick, an active art association member. Copies of the latest biography of Grant Wood will also be available.

We also welcome the Palisades Art League, an active group of artists from the Savanna, Illinois, area, who will have their exhibit on display from June 15-July 31. This talented group holds their annual Palisades Art Show, a juried exhibit in the fall, in which many of our area artists have participated. A reception will be held on Sunday, June 26, 1-4 p.m.

In addition, there are several art classes for children and an open studio for teens during the summer. Please call or stop by the gallery for more information. The River Arts Center is located at 229-5th Ave. So. and is open Wed-Sun 1-4 p.m. and for groups by calling 563-243-3300.

Clinton Symphony Orchestra Events

The Clinton Symphony Orchestra’s “Double-Header Weekend” is Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5. The annual benefit, “A Symphonic Affair,” is Saturday evening in the Tuscany Room at Rastrelli’s Restaurant. Beginning at 6 p.m., the event features an appetizer buffet, entertainment and silent and live auction items. It is the Symphony’s major social and fund-raising event of the season. Reservations are required and may be made with Marianne Jensen at 563-243-5958.

Festivities continue on Sunday with a free Pops Concert in Riverview Park. The orchestra, under the direction of Brian Dollinger, will perform well-known classics, show tunes, novelties and patriotic music – something for everyone! It’s an opportunity for you to introduce your entire family and your friends and neighbors to the Symphony. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy your evening! Rainsite for the concert is under U.S. Bank.



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Breakfast on the Porch

The Clinton Women's Club will be hosting and serving their annual Breakfast on the Porch at the Curtis Mansion, 420 5th Ave. So., Clinton, on Sunday, June 12 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The menu includes an egg casserole, breads and muffins, fruit cups, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. To order your tickets in advance, call the Women's Club at 563-243-8556.

Ashford University Art Gallery Display

"Another Day, Another Question," an abstract installation by Paul Lorenz, internationally acclaimed artist and professor of art for the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, will be on display in the Cortona Art Gallery at Ashford University May 9-Aug. 26. A reception for the artist will be held Friday, Aug. 26 from 4-6 p.m. in the art gallery. With an education in Bauhaus architecture and fine art, Lorenz has carved a unique niche in the international art world: bridging the principals and immediacy of painting and drawing with the logic and detail of architecture. The final image is a balance of physical structure and visual manipulation. This balance, explored through numerous media, allows the process to be the final subject.

For more information, please visit www.ashford.edu or call Shari Rodriguez, associate vice president of Public Relations at 858-513-9240, ext. 2513.

Lock and Dam 13 Tours

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Project announces that weekly tours of Lock and Dam 13 in Fulton, IL will begin May 29, 2011. The weekly Lock and Dam Tours will take place every Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend at 1 p.m.

The tours will cover a brief history of the Mississippi River and the purpose of Locks and Dams along the river. All tours will start near the overlook building located at Lock and Dam 13 Day Use Area. All participants must wear closed toed shoes to attend the full lock tour. If you or your group is interested in participating in a tour, contact the Thomson Ranger Office at (815) 259-3928.

Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

The first production of the season on the Showboat is "Nonsense" from June 2-12. It 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.

"Altar Boyz" runs from June 3-12, and 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!

"LOL Tuesday Night Comedy with Guys in Ties" – Comedy Sportz has loaned us their comedy improve group for only 4 performances this summer, and each performance is different. If you love improve and if you love comedy, you can't miss any of these shows – June 6, June 21, July 19 and August 2 – Fun for the whole family!

"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. June 16-26.

"Mark Twain and the Laughing River" – Jim Post is back again for 2 shows only – June 19 and July 17. Mark Twain said that his childhood was "the wellspring of clearest inspiration." Jim Post took Twain at his word and wrote this delightful family show, joyously recalling Hannibal, a boy's paradise with a buckskin spirit of adventure. One hour and forty-five minutes of Twainian wit and wisdom, plus the brilliant, jubilant music you've come to expect from Post. Get your tickets while you can. Call the Showboat at 563-242-6760 or e-mail boxoffice@clintonshowboat.org.

Events at the Arboretum

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2011, to elect Directors and Officers of The Arboretum and to transact any other business that may come up.

Upcoming events include Saturdays at the Arb: "Photographing Nature I," 10-11 a.m. on June 11 and "Photographing Nature II," 10-11 a.m. on June 18. Greet summer at the Arb and attend "Summer Solstice" on June 21st at 5:30 p.m. On June 26 at 3 p.m., "Midsummer's Merriment," a Children's Performance will be held.

And don't forget Arts at the Arb, a series of arts events that is offered free of charge to the public. On June 7, the entertainment will be "String Quartio." "Travis Hosette Sings Sinatra" is featured on July 12. Enjoy "Al Ronek, the Pirate Over 60" on August 9. The "Fabulous Paul Brothers" on September 13 round out the 2011 Arts at the Arb season. All audience members are encouraged to bring blankets/lawn chairs for themselves. All performances are at The Arboretum and begin at 7 p.m.

June Events at the Discovery Center

The Children's Discovery Center is host to several events during the month of June. Each Tuesday at 2 p.m. (for school-age children and families): June 7 – Classic Kitchen, June 14 – Pioneer Toys with Stephanie Vavra, June 28 – Dancing with Linda and Carousel Studio. Each Wednesday at 2:00: June 8 – Scrapbook Introduction for Kids, June 15 – K-9 Search & Rescue Team and Therapy Dogs with Lois Hall team and June 22 and 29 – Mural Project with Miss Andy. On Friday, June 24, there is a ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m., with an Open House until 4:30 p.m. Celebrate four new exhibits and Center upgrades. Refreshments will be served.

Felix Adler Day will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.. Enjoy pony rides, petting zoo, Nick's Kid's Show, clowns, inflatables, raffles, outdoor carnival, magic shows, games, prizes, face painting, food vendors and more!

For more information, contact the Children's Discovery Center, 332 8th Ave. So. in Clinton, or call 563-243-3600.

Garden Walk

Clinton County master gardeners present their second annual garden walk on Sunday, June 26th, noon to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to visit four of their private gardens. We also invite you to visit the master gardener's garden at the Clinton County fairgrounds in DeWitt, which is an "outdoor living classroom" and the Bickelhaupt Arboretum gardens in Clinton where many master gardeners earn volunteer hours maintaining the gardens. These public gardens are open every day and free to the public. There will be guides available at these sites the day of the walk.

Tickets are available at the following locations: The Clinton County Extension Office, 400 E. 11th St., DeWitt IA, 563-659-5125; and the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 340 So. 14th St., Clinton, 563-242-4771. Tickets will also be available between noon and 4:00 p.m. the day of the walk at any of the garden sites, located in Fulton, Clinton and DeWitt.

All proceeds from this walk will be put into our scholarship fund for Clinton County Master Gardener intern classes through Iowa State University.

Jaycees Offer Events for July 4 Holiday

To celebrate the July 4 holiday, the Clinton Jaycees will offer free entertainment during the fourth of July weekend, with bands playing at the Riverview Park bandshell. The lineup includes the Dan Peart band Friday, July 1; Todd Straley and the Noise on Saturday, July 2; and Seth Wright Kindred Kama on Sunday, July 3. All concerts start at 6 p.m. Along with the concerts, the Jaycees will host a beer tent. They are also looking for non-profit organizations who are interested in being vendors, and they are looking into a craft show and other activities as well.

In addition to the bands, the Jaycees will host a carnival at Riverview Park that begins on Thursday, June 30, with a discount night in which individuals who bring two nonperishable food items can buy a wristband for unlimited rides for \$15, which will support local food pantries.

Additionally, the Riverboat Days board has announced they will hold a parade and a fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

"One World, Many Stories" Special Events

Travel the world without leaving home through "One World, Many Stories," this year's Summer Reading Program theme! The following exciting special events, sponsored by the Clinton County Association of Public Libraries, are free and open to the public. Space is limited, so children and parents are encouraged to arrive early. No registration is needed. Participants may attend the programs at any of the locations listed, regardless of what town you live in. This year, programs rotate times and locations in order to give families a greater opportunity to attend an event closest to them at a more convenient time.

An entertaining musical comedy will be presented at 10 a.m. at the Clinton Public Library, on Friday, June 10. On Thursday, June 23 at 3 p.m., staff from the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines will bring three animals from around the world for children to see up close. "World of Science: Many Countries," featuring magic tricks and entertaining experiments of famous scientists from different countries, will be presented by Mad Science of Iowa at the library on Monday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m.

These programs will also be held at other locations at different times. Please call the Clinton Public Library at 563-242-8441 for more information.

Clinton County Conservation Activities

2nd ~ Sunset Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek~ 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.

4th ~ Hayrack Rides ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Good times aboard this hayrack ride. An adult must accompany children.

9th ~ Sunset Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek~ Call 563-259-1876.

11th ~ Free Canoeing ~ 10 AM-6 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Rock Creek's 10 canoes will be available to use free of charge all day in the Mississippi River backwaters surrounding the park.

14th - 17th Tracking Tots Outing ~ 9 AM-Noon ~ Rock Creek ~ Youth from 3 to 5 years of age will be introduced to the natural world through collecting hikes, games and crafts. Parents and guardians are encouraged to stay for the activities and a short pontoon ride at 11 AM will complete the morning. A fee of \$5 per day is required. A complete information packet and registration form will be mailed to inquiring parents/guardians by **calling 563-847-7202 before June 1st.**

14th & 18th ~ Hunter Education Course ~ 7-9:30 PM (Tue.) & 8 AM-4 PM (Sat.) ~ Clinton Izaak Walton League, Six Mile ~ Visit www.iowadnr.gov/training for required sign-up.

16th ~ Sunset Cruise ~ 7 PM~ Rock Creek~ Call 563-259-1876.

16th ~ Moonlight & Music Cruise ~ 9 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Come enjoy an evening of homespun music as presented by local musicians and vocalists aboard the Blue Heron Eco Cruise Boat. Interested musicians must reserve a chair by calling 563-357-0759. To reserve a passenger seat call 563-259-1876. Refreshments will be served. Requested donation is \$5/person.

23rd ~ Sunset Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Call 563-259-1876.

25th ~ Hayrack Rides ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Good times aboard this hayrack ride. An adult must accompany children.

28th - July 1st ~ K-2 Youth Camps 9 AM-3 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Our summer day camps are geared to provide youth with a better understanding of the outdoors. Youth will play games, collect artifacts on a hike, complete a craft and take a cruise on the Blue Heron Eco Cruise boat. A fee of \$10 per day is required.

30th ~ Sunset Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~ Call 563-259-1876.



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Calendar of events

June	2,9,16,23,30	Sunset Cruise on the Blue Heron, Rock Creek Marina, 7 p.m.
	2-12	"Nonsense," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
	3-12	"Altar Boyz," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
	4	"A Symphonic Affair," Clinton Symphony Orchestra Annual Fundraiser, Rastrelli's Tuscany Events Center, 6 p.m.
	4-July 10	"TRACES," Exhibit, Clinton County Historical Museum
	5	"Coupe DeVille," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	5	Annual Pops Concert, Clinton Symphony Orchestra, Riverview Park, 6:30 p.m.
	7-12, 14-16, 24-29	Clinton LumberKing Home Games, Alliant Energy Field
	7	Arts at the Arb, String Quartet, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 7 p.m.
	10	"Finally Friday at the River," Riverview Park, 5-8 p.m.
	12	Breakfast on the Porch, Curtis Mansion, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
	13	Family Get Fit! at the YWCA
	14	American Legion Honor Brick Dedication Ceremony & Reception, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 10:30 a.m.
	15	"Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel," River Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
	16	Moonlight & Music Cruise, Rock Creek Marina, 9 p.m.
	16-26	"High Fidelity," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
	17	JUNETEENTH, Riverview Park, 6-11 p.m.
	19	Ride the River / MRT Bicycle Ride, Princeton IA, 7:30 a.m.
	19	Jim Post as Mark Twain, Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
	21	Summer Solstice, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 5:30 p.m.
	24	Ribbon Cutting and Open House, Children's Discovery Center, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
	25	Tom Milligan Program: Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel, River Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
	25	Felix Adler Day, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
	30	Carousel School of Dance Annual Spring Show, CHS Vernon Cook Theatre, 7:00 p.m., \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call 563-242-1002 for more information.