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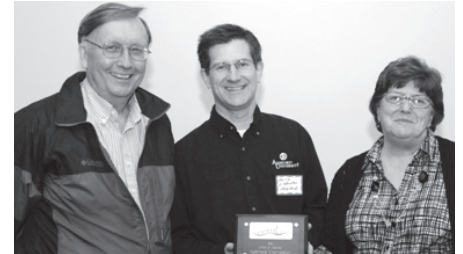


Things to do...
with a river view!



Toot Your Own Horn

The Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau held their 10th Annual Toot Your Own Horn event on May 25th at Rastrelli's Tuscany. The Committee, made up of Tom Dithmart, Chair of the Local Awareness Committee of the CVB and Amanda Cady & Lindsay Current did a terrific job of making the evening a pleasurable experience. As always, Rastrelli's did a fabulous job with the food and drinks.



Toot Your Own Horn is an event that the Convention & Visitors Bureau holds to give each of the attractions in our city a chance to tell about the things that are going on with them during the year. It is also our way of honoring our volunteers and giving awards to attractions and volunteers who have given so much time to the community.



Miss Clinton County Outstanding Teen Taylor Wiebers, who sang some Patsy Kline renditions and the cast of *Altar Boyz* from the Showboat Theatre

who did a few songs from their production were the featured entertainment.

Gary Determan was our emcee again this year and introduced our award winners as the committee presented the awards to them. The following awards were given:

Clinton Rotary Club/Service to the Community Award (For the shelter in Riverview Park)



Clinton County Historical Society/Special Event Award (For the Vietnam Moving Wall)

City of Clinton/Project in Progress Award (For the Liberty Square Project)

Symphony of Lights/Community Attraction Award & Certificate for 15 years in service

Ashford University/Friend of Tourism Award (Bringing tourists to Clinton with graduations & school events)



Leadership Institute Class of 2010/Special Recognition Award (For the mile-markers on the Walking Path on the Riverfront)

Jan Cady & Kathie Bell/Volunteers of the Year Award (For delivering Informational Posters for the CVB)

Betsy Miller and Louise Laurent/Unsung





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Heroes (Betsy Miller: Many years of keeping our downtown clean. Louise Laurent: Years of volunteering on numerous committees)

Clinton Area Showboat Theatre/Certificate for 75 years as a Clinton Attraction

Clinton LumberKings/Certificate for 75 years as a Clinton attraction

Clinton Riverboat Days/Certificate for 50 years as a Clinton festival

Bickelhaupt Arboretum/Certificate for 40 years in existence

Camanche Days/Certificate for 40 years as a Camanche festival

Wild Rose Casino/Certificate for 20 years of gambling in Clinton County

Each year the CVB together with KROS, KCLN, The Clinton Herald and the Sauk Valley Newspapers award one area attraction a Media Package with a value of \$3,130. This year's winner was the River Arts Center and we were very pleased to award this to them.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, remember to call Marsha or Mary Jo at the CVB at 242-5702.

Smith is New CVB Director

Marsha Smith, who has been serving as the Interim-Director of the Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau has been named as the permanent Director of the Bureau. She was previously employed by Abstract & Title Guaranty Company, retiring in 2007 after 23 years with the company. While working at the company, she became active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. For the last three years, she has served as Board Chairperson of the Bureau and volunteered on many of their committees.

Smith has received two Chamber of Commerce awards to include the Al Wise Memorial Award honoring an outstanding Chamber volunteer. She has been the recipient of the Karl Schmitz Award for Ambassador of the Year that recognizes the above and beyond service and dedication of many years of service as an Ambassador. The Convention & Visitors Bureau has also recognized Smith as the Volunteer of the Year.

Smith is married to Bill, who is an Engineering Tech with Clinton County and has two children and one grandchild. She begins her duties as full time Director on July 1, 2011. We are very happy to have her on board!



1st Annual Lumberjack Festival

The Clinton Sawmill Museum is proud to be hosting the 1st Annual Lumberjack Festival on July 16, 2011. They are excited to be bringing the world of lumberjack sports to our area. The festival will be held on the grounds at the Sawmill Museum at 2231 Grant Street in Clinton. There will be various competitions that 30-40 professional lumberjacks will compete in throughout the day.

The festival begins at noon and will feature the lumberjack competitions, family games, bags tournament, Bella Tori trackless train rides for adults and children, Wii station from Best Buy, where spectators can try their hand at competing at lumberjack events, Jaycees beer tent, street dance and food vendors. The street dance is from 7-10 p.m. This will be a fun event for the whole family.

There is a charge of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children aged 5-12. All proceeds will help build and maintain The Clinton Sawmill Museum – a non-profit museum and educational center that focuses on America's rich lumber history and the vital role trees and forests play in our lives.

Fourth of July Celebration

The Clinton Jaycees are hosting a 4th of July Celebration in Riverview Park July 1-4, 2011. The carnival runs from noon-10 p.m. each day. Food vendors are available beginning at noon every day, also. The Jaycees beer tent opens at 5 p.m. on Friday and Sunday, and at 4 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a Cornhole Tournament beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Bands include "The Dan Peart Band" on Friday, "Todd Striley and the Noise" on Saturday and "Seth Wright Kindred Kama" on Sunday, all at 6 p.m. On Monday, the River City Municipal Band will perform at 8 p.m. There is no admission fee to these events, except for the carnival rides.

In addition to these events, the Riverboat Days Committee is sponsoring the 4th of July Parade July 4th on Riverview Drive, beginning at 7 p.m. They are also sponsoring the fireworks that will take place after the band concert on Monday.

Art Under the Stars

The YWCA will be hosting the 4th Annual "Art Under the Stars" Art Auction at the Tuscany Events Center at Rastrelli's Restaurant on July 23 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fabulous food and drink, soothing jazz music and amazing works of art by area artists. Advance ticket sales only, available at the YWCA, 317 7th Ave. So. or by calling 563-242-2110.

Proceeds from the art auction will be used to sustain current programs and offer new ways that speak to the heart of the YWCA mission, the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women. Whether sheltering victims of domestic violence or maintaining transitional housing for homeless women and children, providing childcare until midnight for 2nd shift-working families, promoting topics of interest to the community through the Women and Finance and the "Women You Know, Women You'd Like to Meet" series, the YWCA lives its mission each and every day through our programs and the events we participate in.

Finally Friday at the River

Free Concert at Riverview Park Bandshell

Friday, July 8, 2011, 5-8 p.m.

featuring:

"SLOUGH BUOYS"

Jaycee Beer Tent

Food Vendor - Boy Scout Troop #642

BRING YOUR CHAIRS!

Clinton County Conservation Activities

July 7,14,21&28 – Sunset Cruises on the Blue Heron, Rock Creek Marina, 7 p.m.

July 8 – Explore the Lost Lakes, Rock Creek, 6:30 p.m.

July 9 – Stream Stomp/Great Mississippi River Cleanup with Chad Pregracke, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To register, call 563-243-4749

July 9 & 30 – Free Paddling Days, Rock Creek, 9 a.m.-noon. Rent boats free for use in the Rock Creek area.

July 14-16 – Clinton County 4-H Fair, Clinton County Fairgrounds, DeWitt, 1-7 p.m.

July 14 – Moonlight and Music Cruise, Rock Creek, 9 p.m. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations.

July 16 – Bird Craft, Rock Creek, 10 a.m.

July 16 – Frog and Turtle Races, Rock Creek, 7 p.m.

July 19-22 – EnviroKids Day Camp (Grades 3-5), Rock Creek, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 20 – Bee-Keeping Demonstration and Honey-Baked Goods Auction, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 6:30 p.m.

July 23 – Hayrack Rides, Rock Creek, 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Clinton County Conservation at 563-847-7202 or e-mail conservation@clintoncounty-ia.gov.

Concert at Gil's

2620 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton

Concert for all ages

July 30

Featuring "War"

Gates open at 1 p.m.

Concessions, Beer Tent

Bring your own chair!

Lead in bands:

"Smooth Groove" & Robbie LeBlanc
and much more!

"War" performing from 8-10 p.m.

\$20 Adults

\$10 children under 14

(accompanied by parent)



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Calendar of events

July	1-4	Jaycees 4 th of July Celebration, Riverview Park, Clinton
	1-10	"TRACES" Exhibit, Clinton County Historical Museum
	4	RBD Committee 4 th of July Parade, 7 p.m., followed by Fireworks, Riverview Drive
	6-8,13-18,27-31	Clinton LumberKing Baseball, Alliant Energy Field
	6,13,20,27	"WOW Wednesdays," Children's Discovery Center, 2 p.m.
	7, 14,21,28	Sunset Cruise on Blue Heron, Rock Creek Marina, 7 p.m.
	8	"Finally Friday at the River," Riverview Park Bandshell, 5-8 p.m.
	10	"Danika Holmes," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	12	Arts at the Arb, "Travis Hosette Sings Sinatra," Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 7 p.m.
	14-24	"The Drowsy Chaperone," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
	16	"Baseball Day" with the LumberKings, Children's Discovery Center, 11 a.m.-Noon
	16	Lumberjack Festival, Sawmill Museum, Noon-6 p.m., followed by a street Dance from 7-10 p.m.
	17	Jim Post as Mark Twain, Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
	23	"ABC's of Bees," Children's Discovery Center, 11 a.m.-Noon
	23	"Leroy Van Dyke," Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 8 p.m.
	23	YWCA's "Art Under the Stars," Tuscany Events Center, 6-9 p.m.
	24	"Lojo Russo," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	26	Monthly Luncheon & Games, Curtis Mansion, Noon
	27-29	CESSNA Fly-In, Clinton Municipal Airport
	28-Aug. 7	"Annie," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre
30	Concert at Gil's , featuring "War"	