

Tourism NEWS



Things to do...
with a river view!



Sawmill Museum Charity Auction

The Clinton Sawmill Museum cordially invites you to their 1st Annual Charity Auction on Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 777 Wild Rose Drive in Clinton. This event will feature an exceptional appetizer buffet, beer and wine and entertainment by Josh Duffee and his Orchestra.



The Social Hour and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a speaker at 6:45, live auction at 7:00 and dessert at 8:30 p.m. Complimentary beer and wine served until 8 p.m., with a cash bar throughout the evening. Gather your friends for this fun, social event and reserve your tickets early.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person or a reserved table for 8 at \$320 per table. To reserve your tickets, please contact Stephanie Brisch at 563-243-0246. All proceeds from this event will help build and maintain The Sawmill Museum – a non-profit museum and educational center that focuses on Clinton’s rich history in lumber. For more information, contact Paula Kircher at 630-953-2311.

Clinton Area Showboat Theatre

Don’t miss this season’s last two productions aboard the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre. “Annie” will be held through Sunday, August 7, 2011. 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



“EVITA” will be held from August 11-August 21. 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



Tickets for these two performances may be purchased at the Showboat Theatre Box Office on Riverview Drive, by phone at 563-242-6760 and online at www.clintonshowboat.org. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for Seniors and Students and \$16.00 for children. Group rates are available by contacting the Box Office.



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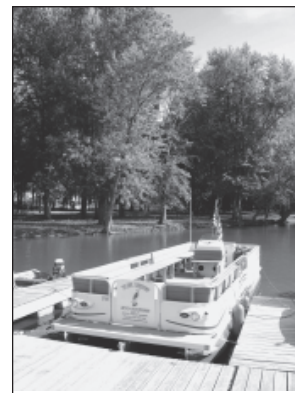
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Clinton County Conservation Events

- 4th ~ Sunset Blue Heron Eco Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Enjoy the Big River from a comfortable and handy-capped accessible seat aboard our large pontoon boat. You'll be introduced to any wildlife found along the way and learn of the rivers historic and modern day uses. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. \$5 donation requested.
- 5th ~ Sunset Blue Heron Eco Cruise, Special Friday Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Come and enjoy the antics of wildlife, booth human and lower animal, from a safe distance aboard our large and handy-capped accessible pontoon boat. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. \$5 donation requested.
- 11th ~ Sunset Blue Heron Eco Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Enjoy the Big River from a comfortable and handy-capped accessible seat aboard our large pontoon boat. You'll be introduced to any wildlife found along the way and learn of the rivers historic and modern day uses. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. \$5 donation requested.
- 11th ~ Moonlight and Music Cruise ~ 9 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Enjoy an evening on the moon-lit Mississippi while local minstrels play and sing. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations.
- 13th ~ Hayrack Rides ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Good times aboard this hayrack ride. An adult must accompany children.
- 18th ~ Sunset Blue Heron Eco Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Enjoy the Big River from a comfortable and handy-capped accessible seat aboard our large pontoon boat. You'll be introduced to any wildlife found along the way and learn of the rivers historic and modern day uses. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. \$5 donation requested.
- 19th ~ Evening Float ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Join us for a leisurely paddle on the quiet backwaters of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. We will cover about 5.5 miles of wilderness viewing its flora and fauna as we go.
- 20th ~ Third Annual Rock Creek Catfish Classic ~ 7 AM-2 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** The Clinton County Conservation foundation is hosting this tournament to raise funds to help build the Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center at Rock Creek. Costs are \$50/boat and \$10 for the Big Fish Pot. Prize money is to be determined by the number of entries with a minimum 70 percent payout guaranteed to the top 3 boats. There are door prizes for all contestants. Check -in will begin at 6 AM and weigh-in at 2 PM sharp. Up to a limit of 10 channel cats, at a 12" minimum length, will be weighed per entry. Sign-up and rules available at www.missecocenter.org. This is a Wherelfish.com Tournament Series affiliate tournament.
- 23rd ~ Mussel Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** The Blue Heron will take participants out to learn about and wade for freshwater mussels. Freshwater mussels are the most endangered group of animals on earth; find out why. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. There is no fee, but a freewill donation to the Rock Creek Education Fund will be collected.
- 25th ~ Sunset Blue Heron Eco Cruise ~ 7 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Enjoy the Big River from a comfortable and handi-capped accessible seat aboard our large pontoon boat. You'll be introduced to any wildlife found along the way and learn of the rivers historic and modern day uses. Call 563-259-1876 for reservations. \$5 donation requested.
- 27th ~ Free Paddling Day ~ 9AM-4 PM ~ Rock Creek ~** Paddle crafts offer a unique mode of transportation for viewing area wildlife plus they are just plain fun. Rent boats free of charge (regularly \$5/ hour), for use in the Rock Creek area.



Marsha's Musings

While everyone has been sweltering in our 100 degree weather the CVB has been lucky enough to be involved in a couple of neat events. One planned, one not expected.

Lumberjack Festival

We were lucky enough to work with the Sawmill Museum committee that brought the Lumberjack Festival to Clinton. What a successful event! Over 2000 people attended



on a very hot day and many of them stuck it out through all the competitions. The Lumberjacks were a wonderful group to work with and everyone, including the Lumberjack Productions, is looking

forward to this event coming back next year. As can be seen by the pictures, these competitors worked hard in the heat. There were also many children's games and in the evening the Slough Buoys entertained the heat weary crowd who slaked their thirst at the Jaycees beer tent.

Celebration Belle Visit

On Wednesday, July 20th, we received a call at about 11:30 a.m. telling us that the Celebration Belle was coming to Clinton at 3:00 p.m. and could we make sure the barge was ready for their landing and could someone greet and welcome the passengers. As always, our volunteers came through to be at the barge for the 3:00 arrival. However, river traffic is oftentimes like road traffic and the Belle experienced a hold up at the Princeton/LeClaire dam. So arrival was actually closer to 4:00 pm. Another stifling day but the people were glad to see us and we "rolled out the red carpet" for them.

There are many good things about the position of Director but the best part is usually the surprises and how we are going to handle them. We are always glad when people come to Clinton no matter how they get here and we are always glad to make them welcome in our city "with a Riverview."



FINALLY FRIDAY AT THE RIVER

August 12, 2011
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

NO GATE FEE

Riverview Park Bandshell

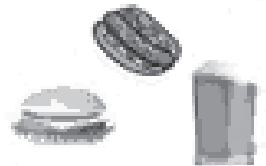
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National Night Out

National Night Out (Clinton's Night Out Against Crime) will be held August 6, 2011 from 3-7 p.m. at Clinton's Riverview Park. Come and meet Clinton Police, Fire Dept., Clinton County Sheriff, EMS,

CERT, DARE, K-9 Operations, HAZMAT, Public Works Dept and much more!

Some of the family fun will include Sports of all Sorts Challenge, Inflatables, Trackless Train, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Climbing Wall, Dunk Tank, Magician, Clowns and Helicopter. There will also be live music!

This "Unity Through Community Spirit" event is held this year in memory of Captain Chuck Witt.





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Calendar of events

August	1,10-12,17-23,27-30	Clinton LumberKing Baseball, Alliant Energy Field
	3-7	"Annie," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, Riverview Drive
	4,5,11,18,25	Sunset Eco Cruise on Blue Heron, Rock Creek 7 p.m.
	5	Ashford University Golf Outing, Clinton Country Club at the Oaks, 1 p.m.
	6	National Night Out, Riverview Park, 3-7 p.m. Featuring River City Municipal Band
	7	Ice Cream Social, Clinton County Historical Museum, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
	9	Arts at the Arb, "Al Ronek the Pirate Over 60," Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 7 p.m.
	9	Carousel School of Dance, Free Summer Concert, Riverview Park Bandshell, 7 p.m.
	11	Moonlight and Music Cruise, Rock Creek, 9 p.m.
	11-14	Camanche Days, Platt Park, Camanche IA
	11-21	"Evita," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, Riverview Drive
	12	"Finally Friday at the River," Riverview Park Bandshell, 5-8 p.m.
	13	Herb Faire, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10 a.m.-noon
	14	"Ron Tegeler," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	21	Rod & Custom Car Show, Hyvee Grounds, 9 a.m.
	23	Clinton Women's Club Monthly Luncheon, Curtis Mansion
	26	Sawmill Museum 1st Annual Charity Auction, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 5:30 p.m.
	27	Butterfly Fest, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10 a.m.-noon
	28	"Lojo Russo," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	28	Multi Church Block Party, Clinton Park (across from Fire Station) 4-6 p.m.