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Riverview Stadium Becomes Ashford University Field

Ashford University has partnered with the Clinton LumberKings (Midwest League affiliate of the Seattle Mariners) to rename historic Riverview Stadium as Ashford University Field.

Ted Torrow, general manager of Clinton LumberKings Professional Baseball Club said they are very fortunate to have Ashford University as their naming rights partner. Ashford has provided the entire community with many positive things, and they anticipate this as the start of a very long and solid future for both organizations.

Ashford University will continue to use the stadium for approximately 14 of its baseball team's regular season games, and may also use it for future Ashford graduation ceremonies. John Ballheim, vice president and campus director for Ashford University, said they were excited to partner with the LumberKings and the City of Clinton. The LumberKings will begin their 2012 season at Ashford University Field next April.



CASTteen Puts on *Seussical Jr.*

The Clinton Area Showboat Theatre is back from its short hiatus after their great 2011 summer season with a play that is great for the whole family, *Seussical Jr.*, which centers around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge—not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes “his kind and his powerful heart.” Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

“This nostalgic and creative play has great music and a great message that kids need to hear today,” said Patrick Stinson, the Showboat's Executive Director and director of the show. “This show touches on racism, bullying, and growing up in such a positive and Seussian manner that kids won't even realize that they just learned something because they had so much fun doing it!”

The CASTteen program at the Showboat is an opportunity for teens (ages 13-19) to work together and create professional quality theatre for the Clinton Community while working with professional staff. *Seussical Jr.* is the inaugural production for this program. This intern program has been in existence for a long time and is quickly transforming into a year-round program that will hopefully bring the joy of theatre to more teens in the area.”

Tickets for *Seussical Jr.* are available online at www.clintonshowboat.org, call 563 242-6760 and leave a message, or visit Clinton Printing and/or Co-Op Records in Clinton or Sweet Woodruff in Fulton. Tickets are only \$15.





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CCC Alumni Association Oktoberfest

The Clinton Community College Alumni Association celebrates 30 years this year. They will host their 4th Annual Oktoberfest at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 21st at the Wild Rose Casino & Resort in Clinton. Delicious food, 30 varieties of beer, live music by the dueling piano group PianoPalooza, and a Silent Auction will be available to all attendees. Proceeds from the event benefit CCC students through the Alumni Association Scholarships.



Saturday at the Arb

On Saturday, October 8, from 10-11 a.m. at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, the workshop is "How to Build a Leopold Bench," and will involve building your own Leopold Bench to take home and enjoy in your garden. There will be a short program on Aldo Leopold, considered the father of wildlife preservation and conservation. Donation is \$45.00. Class size is limited, so please call the Arboretum at 563-242-4771 to reserve your spot!

Ashford University Events

Ashford University will hold an open house to showcase recent capital improvements at two of its Clinton facilities on Thursday, October 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. The community is invited to tour campus facilities at 400 No. Bluff Blvd (starting in St. Clare Hall) and at the "BW Residence Hall," the former Best Western Frontier, 2300 Lincolnway. Refreshments will be served.

America's first African American Female Combat Pilot will speak at Ashford University's Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, October 22. Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour will present the keynote address.

Armour completed two tours in Iraq before leaving the military. She has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, The Tavis Smiley Show and other television programs. An honorary doctorate of laws was conferred on Armour from Chancellor University in 2010, and she has received awards as a pioneering pilot.

The Commencement Ceremony, beginning at 1 p.m. at Ashford's new athletic complex, 1650 So. 14th St., Clinton, is expected to be the largest in Ashford's history, with about 1,200 students planning to travel to Clinton IA to receive their diplomas. Traveling with those graduates will be another 5,000-5,500 guests from across the United States and several other countries.



CCC Visiting Artist Series

On October 19, 2011, the Visiting Artist Series presents "The Calder Quartet" at the CCC Technology Center, 1951 Manufacturing Drive in Clinton at 7 p.m. The Calder Quartet continues to expand its unique array of projects by performing traditional quartet repertoire, as well as partnerships with innovative modern composers, emerging musicians and performers across genres. The group was awarded the 2009 ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award in recognition of its exciting programming and collaborations.



Women's Lifestyle Fair

On Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 4-8 p.m., the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 5th Annual Women's Lifestyle Fair. It will be held in the Oakwood Grand Ballroom at the Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 777 Wild Rose Drive, Clinton. The Women's Lifestyle Fair promises to be an exciting evening for all involved! Over 35 businesses and organizations from around the community will be gathered together to showcase what they have to offer women in the area. There will be numerous door prizes, activities and information offered at this FREE event.

River Arts Center Events

On Sunday, October 9, at 2PM, the presentation by Tom Milligan has been rescheduled at the River Arts Center, 229-5th Ave. So. The actor presents the life of "Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel" as vividly as if he were Wood himself chatting with the audience about his childhood and experiences in the art world. This forty-five minute program is free with a grant from Humanities Iowa and is appropriate for all ages. Milligan will also answer questions following the presentation.

Also in October, a six-week pottery class will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the upstairs pottery studio. This class will begin on October 19 and run through November 30, with the exception of Thanksgiving week. The fee, which includes instruction, clay, glazes, tool usage, and firing, will be \$75.00 for Clinton Art Association members and \$90.00 for non-members. The class is open to adults and high school students, middle school if accompanied by a parent. Skills learned are appropriate for beginners or those wishing to brush up on their skills. You will learn slab building, extruding, coiling, slip casting, and wheel throwing, as well as clay preparation and finishing techniques. Instructors are Pat Mooney and Terry Merchant.

The art of Jan Harvey, of Polo, Illinois, continues through November 6, where her watercolors, oils, and gourds will be on display. Gallery and gift shop hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1-4 PM and by appointment for group meetings and/or tours. Call 563-243-3300 for more information.

New Job for Stinson

The Board of the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre has decided to split the job of the Producing Artistic Director into two parts: Executive Director and Artistic Director. Patrick Stinson will serve as Executive Director, serving the business end of the Showboat. He will work with sponsors, marketing, advertising and such, and the Artistic Director will see over the production of plays on the Showboat. Beginning in February 2012, the new Artistic Director will be Tommy Iafrate, who has been aboard the Showboat for two summers as the education director and as the associate artistic director. "He has the ability and talent to produce spectacular shows for the Showboat," said Stinson. He directed *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Evita* for the 2011 season.

The Showboat has "grown" in the last few years, with the camp, a sixth summer show, their Teen, Kids and Community Programs, Christmas and other off-season shows, and really needed to make the split in the jobs.

The Sawmill Museum



Exploring Trees Inside and Out is the title of the exhibit that will be on display at the Sawmill Museum from October 1, 2011-April 30,

2012. Created by the Arbor Day Foundation, this exhibit has been traveling since January of 2008, and has hosted over 950,000 children, family members and educators. This exhibit helps children discover nature through multiple perspectives and will inspire them to get outdoors, explore the wonders and develop connections with the natural world.

While visiting this exhibit, children can experience a glimpse of the wonders that await them outside their own backyards and neighborhoods. The interactive exhibit provides an innovative visual-spatial experience designed for whole body, open ended participation to raise the awareness and understanding of trees.

Once known as the "Lumber Capital of the World," Clinton, Iowa's pivotal role in the lumber industry and expansion of the West makes it ideally suited to host The Sawmill Museum and learning center. Anchored by a rich collection of late 19th century and early 20th century artifacts and a working sawmill, planned exhibits provide hands-on educational activities in an impressive environment.

The Sawmill Museum provides a cultural and historical focus for Clinton and the surrounding region, and serves as a hub for community events and attractions year-round. The Museum consists of 14,000 sq. ft. on 1 acre, with space for traveling exhibits, permanent exhibits, a learning center and outdoor events and festivals. The 1st phase of permanent exhibits will consist of the Working Sawmill and Struve Mill artifacts. These exhibits allow the visitor to experience the process of turning logs into finished lumber.

The Museum, located at 2231 Grant Street, Clinton, will be open Monday, 1-6 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. (Hours are seasonal and subject to change, so please confirm by visiting the website at www.thesawmillmuseum.org.) For more information, call 563-242-0343 or e-mail director@thesawmillmuseum.org. Admission: \$7 Adults; \$6 60+ and Military; \$3 Children ages 4-12; and \$4 Children ages 13-18. Call for price on groups, events and parties.



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Calendar of events

October	1-Apr. 30, 2012	Exploring Trees Inside and Out, Sawmill Museum, 2231 Grant St.
	6 & 13	Fall Color Blue Heron Cruise, Rock Creek Marina, 5 p.m.
	7	"Healthy Backs," with Dr. Pam, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.
	8	"Building A Leopold Bench," Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10-11 a.m.
	9	"Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel," River Arts Center, 2 p.m.
	9	Ron Tegeler, Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	13	Women's Lifestyle Fair, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 4-8 p.m.
	13	Ashford University Open House at Campus Facilities, 4:30-6 p.m.
	14	"Tailwagging Time" with Jan Beveroth, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.
	14	Dueling Pianos Show, Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 7:30 p.m.
	19	Visiting Artist Series - "Calder Quartet," CCC Technology Center, 7 p.m.
	21	"Guess Whooo" with Miss Elizabeth, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.
	21	CCC Alumni Association Oktoberfest, Wild Rose Casino & Resort, 6 p.m.
	21, 23, 28, 29	"Seussical Jr.," Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
	22	Halloween House of Wonders, Eagle Point Park Lodge, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
	22	Ashford Graduation, South Campus, 1 p.m.
23	"Striley & Evans," Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.	
25	Card Party Luncheon, Curtis Mansion, 12 noon	
28	"Little Miss Muffet" with Area Educ. Agency, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.	
29	Trick or Treat Night in Clinton, 6-8 p.m.	
31	Mardi Gras Parade in Clinton, "Treasures & Treats" 6 p.m.	