

Tourism NEWS



Things to do...
with a river view!



Symphony of Lights Events

The 16th Annual Symphony of Lights Display will run from Thanksgiving Day, November 24-December 30, 2011. Don't miss this Christmas lighting extravaganza, set on the hillsides of Eagle Point Park, located off Hwy. 67 north of Clinton. There are over 500,000 lights in over 50 major displays throughout the park. Entry into the park is just \$7.00 per car (up to 10 persons) and \$2.00 per person for larger vehicles. Hours are 6-9 p.m. daily.

The **SOL 5K Run** will take place on Saturday, November 26th, 2011 at Eagle Point Park in Clinton, Iowa. Eagle Point Park is located just off Highway 67 at the north edge of Clinton. The race begins at 4:00 p.m. The gates open at 2:30 p.m. The course will be entirely within Eagle Point Park on approximately 2 miles of rolling paved park roads. One mile of the race passes by over 40 major displays and over 500,000 lights. The second mile winds through the most northern loop of the park which overlooks Lake Clinton on the mighty Mississippi. These views provide a truly unique running experience.

The cost for registration prior to November 11, 2011 is \$12.00 and after November 9th, the cost is \$15.00 and includes a long sleeve t-shirt. Free refreshments will be available after the race in the lodge. Age divisions are: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+. Prizes will go to overall male/female finishers and the top three runners in each age group.

Race day number and t-shirt pickup/registration is at the lodge of Eagle Point Park from 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Early packet pickup will be Monday, November 21 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Lyons Train Depot located at 56 25th Ave. N, Clinton or at Eagle Point Park Lodge during the Family Walk on Wednesday, November 23 from 6-8 p.m.

The annual **SOL Family Walk** will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Eagle Point Park. Eagle Point Park is located just off Highway 67 at the north edge of Clinton. This is your only opportunity for you to enjoy the enchanting 1.1 mile view of the displays on foot and at a leisurely pace. Strollers are welcome, but please leave your pets at home. Free refreshments will be available in the Lodge. The cost for adult registration prior to November 11th, 2007 is \$12.00 and after November 11th the cost is \$15.00 and includes a long sleeve t-shirt. The cost for children's registration (6-12) is \$5.00 and does not include a t-shirt. Children under age of six are FREE.

Due to limited parking within the park, we ask everyone to park at the Lyons Train Depot at 56 25th Ave. North, and use the shuttle bus service to get to the park. Buses will run from 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. Several shuttle buses will be running and we anticipate no waiting outside in cold weather. Only vehicles with handicap permits will be allowed within the park.

All pre-registered entrants picking up tickets the night of the event must check in at the on-call table at the Lyons Train Depot. People purchasing tickets the night of the event must buy tickets at the Lyons Train Depot. There will be no ticket pick-up or sales at the gate of the park. Tickets must be presented to the attendant at the gate for entrance. Entry forms can be found at the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, 333 Fourth Ave. S. or register online at www.active.com. All proceeds of the 5K Run and Walk go towards the Symphony of Lights for continued growth and development of Clinton's Holiday Festival.



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Dueling Pianos Event

Big Brothers Big Sisters are hosting a Dueling Pianos Event on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 6-10 p.m. at Rastrelli's Tuscany Event Center. This event features Felix and Fingers, otherwise known as Dave Radford and Mike Potts, who offer a musical show and interactive sing-a-long experience that is sure to impress! This is what develops when you combine an American Idol Finalist, a world-class, multi-instrumentalist and the ambition to bring back old-fashioned values not seen since the rat pack.

Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 and the show at 7:30. Cost is \$45.00, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. RSVP by calling Big Brothers Big Sisters at 563-243-4223. All proceeds from this event benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton. Don't miss this night of fun!

Orchid Program

Orchids have a reputation of being rare, exotic and hard to grow. On Saturday, November 12th from 10-11 a.m., the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, located at 340 So. 14th St. in Clinton, will hold an Orchid Program, presented by members of the Illowa Orchid Society. You will learn how easy some varieties are to grow in your home. This fun and informative program will address, "All you ever wanted to know about orchids, but were afraid to ask." A free-will donation will go to the Illowa Orchid Society to help promote their educational programs.

Events at Curtis Mansion

The Women's Club Monthly Card Party Luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 22 at the Curtis Mansion, 420 5th Ave. So. in Clinton. Call 563-242-8556 by noon on Monday to make reservations. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch; then stay and play cards if you would like to. Cost for the luncheon is \$8.00.

A Christmas Breakfast will be held at the Curtis Mansion on Sunday, December 4, 2011, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast will be served for \$10.00. All three floors of the Mansion will be decorated for the holidays. Visitors may view the downstairs at no additional charge. To view the second and third floors, there will be a charge of \$6.00 per person. Check out the many varieties of tasty nuts and chocolates that will be for sale in one-pound packages. For more information, contact Jeanette Petersen, 563-242-8556 or 563-249-5861.

River Arts Center Events

The River Arts Center will host a variety of activities in November. The art gallery will be displaying the Annual Membership Show from November 9-December 23. Members of the Clinton Art Association exhibit new work in various mediums. A reception for the artists will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, the same day as the Downtown Open House, and open to the public.

November is also the month of their Membership Drive. Dues are \$30.00 per year with discount "perks" for members. The gift shop displays original gift items by a number of area artists. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. until Christmas. The gallery will also be on the MRVAD (Mississippi River Valley Arts) art studio tour on November 5-6.

A bus trip to the Apollo Theater in Chicago to see "Million Dollar Quartet" on Wednesday, November 16, will be sponsored by the CAA and is open to all. This award-winning musical is the story of a one-time jam session in 1956 with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis. Call the gallery at 563-243-3300 as soon as possible for more information or to reserve a seat.

The Clinton Arts Players Theater will be presenting a children's play, "Ella and the Enchanted Frog," written and directed by Rex Kutzli and performed by children from the area. Dates are November 18-20, with performances at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Gateway Contemporary Ballet

Welcome in the holidays by celebrating with the Gateway Contemporary Ballet on Sunday, November 20, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Center. Enjoy the music of Christmas through dance and the talents musicians Gary and Heidi Fehlhafer and the singing style of Laurae Near. Plus there will be a special Christmas raffle. For advance tickets, call 563-242-1002. Advance tickets are \$9.00. Tickets at the door are \$11.00. Children admitted free with a donation of an unwrapped, new toy that will be donated to a needy child!

Ashford University Enrollment Statistics

Ashford University's official on-campus enrollment for the fall 2011 semester is 959 full-time students, making it the largest on-campus student body in the university's 92-year history. The increase in students is attributed to the university's Academic Scholarship Program, which is a three-tiered approach for rewarding students for academic excellence. "About 76 percent of Ashford's on-campus students are receiving these academic scholarships.

The President's Scholarship covers full tuition and is awarded to students with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. The Provost's Scholarship, an annual award of \$12,500, is available to students with a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.49. The Dean's Scholarship provides \$10,000 annually for students with a grade-point average between 3.00 and 3.24.

These scholarship programs help attract great students to Ashford University, and there has been an increased amount of recognition for their academic and athletic accomplishments. Also contributing to the increase in enrollment are the numerous improvements the university has undergone since its population surge in fall 2010. Students feel they have a great experience at Ashford, often expressing that it is a special place.

Clinton Community College Enrollment Statistics

Clinton Community College is pleased to announce another year of record-enrollment for the fall semester. The college reported 1,972 students taking 16,881 credit hours, an 8.65% increase. This represents an increase of 157 students from fall 2010 and an increase of 1,388 credit hours. Students from Iowa make up 89% of the enrollment.

The increase in CCC enrollment represents a growth in the number of Arts & Science students, as well as students enrolled in Career & Technical Education programs. Students taking Arts & Science courses totaled 1,447, up 7.82% and the Career & Technical Education students increased to 525, up 10.99%.

Programs across the district with the largest enrollments include Arts & Science, Nursing, Business Management, Practical Nursing and Information Technology. These programs are available for students on the CCC campuses.

Clinton County Conservation Events

- Nov. 2 – "Wild for Turkeys," 2 p.m., Children's Discovery Center – This program is for elementary school-age children with a hands-on presentation about our favorite Thanksgiving animal, the wild turkey. It includes a story around a "campfire," game and snack. This event is free of charge.
- Nov. 3 – Music in the Loft, 7 p.m., Soaring Eagle Nature Center – Local musicians will play, sing and lead you through a night of music, dance and fun. All are welcome.
- Nov. 4 – "Wild for Turkeys," 10 a.m., Children's Discovery Center – This nature program is for children ages three to five.
- Nov. 5 – Bald Eagle Eco Cruise, 1 p.m., Rock Creek – This will be the public's last opportunity this year to take an Eco Cruise on the Blue Heron Pontoon Boat. The American bald eagles are starting to congregate along the Mississippi River for the winter, and we hope to see several of the birds, plus many other species, during the cruise. Before freeze-up, the bald eagle are spread out along the river and the best way to see them is to go to them via boat. Call 563-847-7202 to register.
- Nov. 16 – Nature Tails, 10 a.m., Soaring Eagle Nature Center – This nature program is for children ages three to five. Come experience this hands-on presentation about why an animal's tail is so important. It includes a story around a "campfire," game/hike and snack. This event is free of charge.
- Nov. 19 – Winter Birding Workshop, 1 p.m., Soaring Eagle Nature Center – Learn the ins and outs of viewing and feeding birds through the winter months, what species to expect, what foods to present and steps you can take that will help draw them in. Afterwards you may build a simple feeder free of charge or order a kit. Tray, tube and suit feeders are \$5 each.



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Calendar of events

November	Thru April 30, 2012	"Exploring Trees Inside and Out," Sawmill Museum, 2231 Grant St.
	2	"Wild for Turkeys," Children's Discovery Center, 2 p.m.
	3	Ashford /SGA Aids Walk, South Campus to Bluff Campus, 3 p.m.
	3	Music in the Loft, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 7 p.m.
	4	"Wild for Turkeys," Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.
	4 & 5	Fall Play - "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," Ashford University, 7:30 p.m.
	5	Bald Eagle Eco Cruise, Rock Creek, 1 p.m.
	5	"Logging/sawmill power point Program," by Gayle Rein, Sawmill Museum
	5 & 6	Iowa Wine Trail, includes Wide River Winery, 563-519-9463 for more info.
	9-Dec. 23	Annual Membership Show, River Arts Center
	10	Artist Susan Pagnucci Reception, Ashford University, 3-5 p.m.
	12	Saturday at the Arb, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 10-11 a.m.
	13	RiverChor Concert, Zion Lutheran Church, 2 p.m.
	13	Music by Danika Holmes, Wide River Winery, 2-5 p.m.
	14	Dueling Pianos International, CCC Auditorium, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
	16	Nature Trails for children 3-5 yrs., Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 10 a.m.
	18-20	"Ella and the Enchanted Frog," River Arts Center, Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.
	19	Winter Birding Workshop, Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 1 p.m.
	19	Dueling Pianos by Felix & Fingers, Rastrelli's Tuscany, 6-10 p.m.
	20	CCC HolidayFest Craft Fair, CCC Auditorium, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
	20	Christmas Downtown Open House, Downtown Clinton, Noon-4 p.m.
	20	Meet the Artists Reception, River Arts Center, 1-3 p.m.
	20	Celebrate with Gateway Contemporary Ballet, Masonic Center, 2 p.m.
	20	Discovery Center Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, Rastrelli's Tuscany, 5-7 p.m.
	22	Luncheon and Cards, Curtis Mansion, Noon, Call 563-242-8556 by noon on Monday.
	23	Symphony of Lights Family Walk, Eagle Point Park, 6-9 p.m.
	24-Dec. 30	Symphony of Lights Display, Eagle Point Park, 6-9 p.m. Daily
	26	Family Fun Day, Children's Discovery Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
	26	Symphony of Lights 5K Race, Eagle Point Park, 4 p.m.