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Local Entities Announce Historic Walking Tour Brochure

The Clinton Downtown Partnership, Clinton Historical Society Museum, The Historic Preservation Commission and The Cultural & Entertainment District are pleased to announce the publication of a Historic Walking Tour Brochure. This brochure features over 16 historic properties on a one or two mile walk with information on each property. Some historic properties featured are The Clinton County Courthouse, the Howes Building, the Van Allen Building and the Library. The publication titled, "Historic Walking Tour," is available at the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, the Clinton Visitor Information Kiosk, Historical Society Museum, City Hall and several businesses including all of Clinton's hotels.

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Please stop by the Downtown Partnership (located within the Chamber of Commerce at 721 South 2nd Street) to pick up your free copy of "Historic Walking Tour." For more information about the Downtown Partnership, please contact Jennifer Lee at 242-5702 or email jee@clintonia.com.

Here is an example of what you will see in this brochure.





Bamman resigns as Director of Downtown Partnership

Clinton, Ia.-Steve Bamman, recruited as the original Director of the Downtown Partnership in 1997, has resigned that position. During the period of time from 1997 to date, Bamman was instrumental in the development of the streetscape upgrade in the 100-200 blocks of 5th Avenue South and also the area connecting 5th Avenue to the War Memorial on Riverview Drive. Additionally, under the Capital Improvement portion of the Downtown Partnership funding, Bamman and the Downtown Partnership Board of Directors added 100 parking stalls to the area, redeveloped the 6th Avenue South parking lot, installed Wayfinding Signs in the District, purchased a parking hand-held computer system to assist the City of Clinton and established a Parking Validation Program in the Downtown area. In addition to those improvements, Bamman oversaw the snow removal, plantings, weed and litter control, fountains, flower beds, electrical repairs and the installation of Christmas lights in the District. Bamman was also instrumental in establishing a Façade Grant Program that provided matching funds to property owners whose buildings are in the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District in Downtown Clinton. Fourteen property owners have taken advantage of the program with \$64,536, leveraging their dollars for repairs to their property. The SSMID area is funded by property owners in the Downtown District. These funds provide ongoing financial resources for maintenance, administration and for capital projects that can only be used for the benefit of property owners within the District and provide a means to stabilizing and improving property value. The current SSMID expires in June 2010. In learning of Bamman's resignations, John Frey, Frey, Haufe and Current PLC, and one of the original groups of people that saw a vision for Downtown Clinton said, "After 10 years of working with Steve, I will miss him professionally and look forward to the continuing personal friendship that has resulted from working with Steve. Steve has done a lot for Downtown Clinton." Tim Clark, Zirkelbach Home Appliances & Refrigeration, and current Chairperson of the Downtown Partnership Board said, "It has been a wonderful experience working with Steve. He will be very hard to replace and has done a good job with streetscape and other projects in Downtown Clinton." The Downtown Partnership Board will meet soon to discuss the ongoing needs of the District.



The Downtown Partnership's mission is in keeping the enhancement of Clinton's Downtown a high priority in the community and to stimulate action focusing on Downtown revitalization.

What's New?

New Business

***River's Edge Black Hills Gold** located at 415 So. 2nd Street

***Soma Soul Therapies LLC** located at 215 6th Ave South, Suite 2

Downtown Trick or Treat



Friday, October 30th, 3-5pm

If your business would like to get involved, please call Jennifer to get signed up.

Fund B Grant

The Clinton County Community Development Association has announced their Fund B 2009 Grant Awards. The Downtown Partnership has received \$30,000 for a streetscape project on the 300 block of 5th Ave So and the 200 block of 6th Ave So. This project will include new light poles, trees, benches and trash cans. Look for those changes to come in early Spring.

Santa's Coming Soon!

Come ring in the holiday season downtown! The Downtown Partnership will be hosting its Holiday Open House on **Sunday, November 22nd from 12-4 pm**. This event will feature a horse-drawn carriage ride through downtown and many children's activities including an appearance from SANTA! The official lighting of the Downtown Christmas Tree will be at 3:30.

Upcoming Events:

October:

6th- 7:30am Planning & Design at the Chamber

9th- 8:00am C & E Meeting at Clinton Historical Society

15th- 8:00am Events Committee at Nora's Cafe

16th- 5-8pm Chamber Fall Tailgate Party at Airport

20th- 7:30am Board Meeting at the Chamber

21st- Biz @ 5 at Wagner Pharmacy

26th-6:00pm Mardi Gras Parade

30th- 3-5pm **Halloween Trick Or Treat Downtown**



November:

3rd- 7:30am Planning & Design at the Chamber

5th- 8:00am Events Committee at Nora's Cafe

12th- 8:00am Events Committee at Nora's Cafe

13th- 8:00am C & E meeting at Clinton Historical Society

17th- 7:30am Board Meeting at the Chamber

19th- 8:00am Events Committee at Nora's Cafe

22nd- 12-4pm **Holiday Open House**



December:

1st- 7:30am Planning & Design at the Chamber

2nd- 5-7pm **Downtown 1st Annual Meeting at LaFeria**

11th- 8:00 am C & E meeting at the Clinton Historical Society

15th- 7:30am Board Meeting at the Chamber

17th- 8:00am Events Committee TBA

If you would like to get involved with any committee or event for the Downtown Partnership please contact Jennifer Lee at downtown@clintonia.com

Downtown District

Fall Festival on Fifth

The Downtown Partnership proudly presented its 1st Annual Fall Festival on Fifth on Saturday, September 19th. This event included a petting zoo, Kids Fun Zone, dunk tank, craft fair, children's craft tent, chili cook off, Guitar Hero contest, face painting appearances by police, DARE and the fire department and an awesome pie eating contest! The event featured entertainment by the Carousel Dancers, Clinton Riverboat Rustlers square dancers and the Clinton Youth Program Dancers.

This event was made possible by these generous sponsors: US Bank, Bizzy B Scrubs, Citizen's First Bank, Wagner Pharmacy, Ashford University, Ken Kroemer Insurance, Family Video and Village Inn.



Business Spotlights



River's Edge Black Hills Gold

415 South 2nd Street



Shirley Richardson, owner of River's Edge Black Hills Gold, moved to Clinton in 1988 with her children Toni, Tina and Tom after residing in South Dakota. While owning a jewelry business in South Dakota she fell in love with Kodiak Black Hills Gold jewelry. Shirley took some time away from the jewelry business after moving to Clinton before deciding to get back into the business she loves. She opened her doors on September 14th and loves that her entire family is involved in the day to day operations. Shirley is happy to offer you Native Indian Jewelry like Bear, Stampers, Landstrom, Mt Rushmore and South Dakota Gold. They also offer Jim Shore and expression angels. Come celebrate their grand opening with them on October 8th, 9th and 10th and sign up to win one of several door prizes. You can contact Shirley at 244-GOLD(4653) or email her at riversedgebhg@yahoo.com



Broken Spoke

516 South 1st Street



Peg and John West have resided in Clinton for the last 7 years and have always had a love of antiques and collectibles. Peg, who realized her love of collecting while working for Tom and Audrey's Too over 4 years ago then moved onto managing Bentford Antiques for the last 3 years with her husband John. On September 1st they opened their doors as the Broken Spoke located at 516 South 1st Street, their dream of owning their own store had come true. John who has collections of old cars, pocket watches and Oliver tractors and Peg, who loves her horses and spending time with their family, Joe and Ben, are very proud of their new store and location. They offer quality goods like: vintage clothing, sports collectibles, furniture, primitives, glass, pottery, floral, records, costume jewelry, marbles, coins, toys, sewing items, beil photos and doll clothes. Their hours of operation are Tuesday - Sunday 10-5. They also have space available for dealers. Stop in and see what you can start collecting today or call Peg at 243-2296.

