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Welcome to this year's edition of Clinton: Our Town, a guide to services and events in the area.

It's an exciting time to be a part of the community; this part of Wisconsin is thriving and growing yet maintains the feel of close-knit communities and we are glad you are a part of it.

The goal of Our Town is to provide you with useful information you can use on an ongoing basis, whether you're a lifelong resident, new to the area or a visitor from out of town.

From youth to the young-at-heart, the area has a great deal to offer, with outstanding schools, churches, organizations, park facilities, businesses, community events and more.

Here's a recap of how it all began.

## Storied history

On the second day of April 1837, under the guidance of Deacon Chauncey Tuttle, who had visited this section of the country the fall previous, accompanied by "Aunt Amy's prayers and recipe for making bread," Dr. Dennis Mills, Milton S. Warner, Charles Tuttle and Wm. S. Murray, started from Meacham's Grove in Illinois, for some place on or near the Rock River in Wisconsin.

After five days of hard toiling through mud, sloughs and un-bridged rivers and creeks, they arrived at "Blodgett's Place" (Beloit). It was a cold, rainy day and the only lodging accommodation on the scene was Blodgett's two-story log house. The only other building was Monsieur Tebo's shanty occupied by himself and two squaw wives.

On April 8 of that year, the company visited Clinton Township and decided upon locating there. The following day, with the aid for Tebo and his little canoe, they recrossed Turtle Creek with their effects, and commenced a settlement in the name of the Jefferson Prairie Company.

Mills, Warner, Tuttle and Murray had all been residents of Jefferson County, New York and chose the name Jefferson Prairie in honor of their old home. This first settlement in the area is now known as Clinton Corners, and is at the intersection of Highway X and Highway J. At the first town meeting, the name Clinton was suggested in remembrance of DeWitt Clinton, New York Governor.

## Getting settled

Their first shelter consisted of four crutches set in the ground with poles thrown across them, a brush heap for a roof and Indian blankets for sides. The floor was made of a wagon box carefully taken to pieces and laid upon the ground and this served every purpose of a house for eight days and nights.

The next order of business was to cut and haul logs from which a 12x16 house was soon constructed without the use of a single foot of sawed lumber; afterwards it served as a shelter for many of Clinton's first residents.

The first white women in the township were Mrs. Stephen E. Downer and Mrs. Daniel Tasker, who, along with their husbands, visited the prairie in June. Ezekiel Brownell and Adaline Pratt were the first couple married here and Joseph S. Pierce, Justice of the Peace officiated.

In 1838, Mrs. S.S. Downer gave birth to a daughter, Lucy, the first white child born here.

In the years 1840-41 many settlers came to the area, adding to the number of people already living here.

## Railroads, businesses

This settlement continued until 1856 when two railroads – the Racine and Mississippi and the Chicago and Fond du Lac – arrived together at a dead heat, both construction crews trying to be the first to arrive so they wouldn't have the expense

of the hardware needed to join their rails to those laid first. The Chicago Road won by 10 minutes with 1,000 people on hand to see the outcome.

Clinton thereupon moved to the railroad junction and in 1857, and the name was changed to Ogden, supposedly in honor of Wm. B. Ogden, president of the Chicago and Fond du Lac line. Residents didn't take to the new name and early in 1864 the postal department approved the change back to Clinton. In the meantime, the railroads had continued to call it Clinton Junction.

This was not the most ideal site for a business district. On an early territorial map of Wisconsin, it was called Pleasant Lake and residents told of catching 14-pound fish in it. Accounts tell of the terrible struggle to get up Allen Street with empty wagons and people recalled hearing that fence posts could be driven out of sight in a muddy season.

The first new building constructed in the business area was a "groggery," which was located near the railroad junction for the convenience of the railroads' men. That fall, Sidney Allen put up a store and hotel. Mr. Sheldon occupied the hotel, and the May brothers of New York used the store.

The town is said to have grown rapidly. Dwelling houses of all grades were being built, and three elevators were erected the same year. There was also an addition to the little schoolhouse.

The next summer was a busy one. Mr. Snyder built the Simmons block and Mr. Simmons put in his first stock of goods. P.H. Colegrove built the Taylor House and started a hotel.

## Houses, manufacturing

Among the pioneer business houses there was Martin and Carpenter, lumber merchants, Weaver and Pierce, grain

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## our town

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on the cover: A drone captured this photograph of the 2023 Model A Day event in Clinton, which was held in June. There were nearly 200 Model A's and vintage vehicles registered for the event, from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Arizona.

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The Village Board is responsible for legislative actions and establishing an annual budget and related tax

levy for the Village of Clinton.

Village Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the basement at First Presbyterian Church, 312 Church St., Clinton, WI 53525.

## President Thomas Peterson

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## Office hours:

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## **Library Director**

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## Clinton Police Department

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312 Church St., Clinton 608-676-5400

## Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

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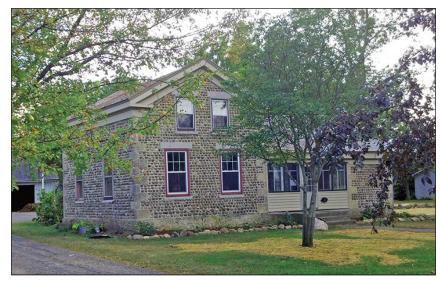


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## A worthy celebration

top: The Cobblestone House, built in 1843, was celebrated for its 180th birthday on May 20, 2023, with raffles, sundaes, storytelling, games, an interactive art project and more. Guests were able to see a variety of historical memorabilia, watch a video of oral histories, chat with storytellers and see a reenactment.

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**above:** Mary Ann and Tom Inman hold up the finished collaborative painting on a "picnic perfect" day for the gathering at the Cobblestone House.

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# A village of people working together

e are located just one mile from Interstate 43, only 15 minutes from the Cities of Beloit and Janesville, and within an hour and a half of Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Clinton is a great place to visit and best of all, a great community to raise your family. Once you have spent time here, you will likely have a soft spot in your heart for the village.

We invite you to come and experience the "hometown" feeling of our small town. While there are plenty of newer residents in our village, you will most likely always run into someone who has lived in Clinton a long time. Local residents are the true heart of this community. It's a place that even if someone moves away, they still call Clinton home.

The Village of Clinton's annual community events – including "The Taste of Clinton" held Father's Day weekend and "Winter Wonderland" parade and activities held the first Friday of December – provide fun and entertainment for all ages.

We invite you to stop and visit us anytime... to enjoy a hike along the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail, or visit one of our parks, fine schools or active library. Best of all, we have some great restaurants where you are sure to find a resident to welcome you and talk about Clinton – their hometown.

Historic interests include the Cobblestone House and the 1895 water tower.

We have many active businesses including manufacturing and professional offices – finance, healthcare, insurance and realty, along with retail shops that serve their customers with that caring and neighborly feel.

Village staff is always available to answer questions or assist you by calling 608-676-5304.

Clinton prides itself on people working together!

- Thomas Peterson VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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and cattle dealers, Warner and Irish, dry goods, Mr. Hale – who supplied the town with meat, Holmes Hammond was available with livery rigs, and Hiram Salisbury provided the horses with shoes.

Manufacturing was represented in the early community by the Wallis Carriage Company, founded in 1868, which turned out a carriage a day until the company moved to La Crosse in 1885. The Clinton Truck Factory operated for many years during the last half of the nineteenth century producing new work and repairs for the American Express Company.

But Clinton has always been a farming community with industry centered in milling. The Merchant Mills, Old Pratt Mill, Clinton Steam Flouring Mill and Irish Mill have all long since disappeared, but their heritage is represented in the present DeLong Company.

Alonzo Richardson built his cobblestone house in 1843 on the site of the village which would eventually surround it. It was the second house in the village and is the most visible landmark in the community.

Located close to the Midwest's major metropolitan centers, the village is readily accessible by direct expressway routes. Surrounded by fertile farmland, Clinton is picturesque with its beautiful tree-lined streets.

A community of friendly citizens, boasting a large skilled labor force, an excellent school system, and several areas ideal for sport and recreation of all kinds, Clinton is an ideal place to call home.



## The Governor is back

In 1953, the Wisconsin State Historical Society placed its 13th historic marker in honor of Governor Louis P. Harvey, who lived in a home still located on the corner of Shopiere Road (County J) and Butterfly Road in Shopiere. Community members restored it in 2011, but early in 2021 it was badly damaged in a traffic incident. In August 2023, after several delays, the repaired marker was reinstalled on a new pedestal. David Bomkamp, Scot Wywialowski and Roger Anclam of the Town of Turtle were thanked for their assistance in getting the marker back where it belongs.

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## Clinton High School

112 Milwaukee Rd. 608-676-2223





## Robotics teams represent

Upper photo: Clinton Robotics team 2x4 members show off the robot "Reepicheep," first place Innovation Project award, and Champion's Award from the 2023 state championship. They gather around The Solar Savior, a portable, all-in-one power box they invented and built to help people who need on-the-go power. From left: Evan Schneider, Kelby Schneider, Anna Turner, and Timmy Walton. Above: The district's Turtle TEK team celebrates after earning first place at the Frozen Frenzy in February 2023. From the left: (front row) Isaac Kubatzke, Loretta Woodard, Garrett Schneider, Katherine Woodard, and Heather Schneider; (back) Ted Wilder, Jordan Shultz, Rodrigo Delagado, Xavier Miller, Carl Hahn, Mike Schneider and Bob Abele.

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Beloit College is Wisconsin's first college. Founded in 1846, it is a four-year, independent residential liberal arts and sciences college, located on a 40-are campus that is noteworthy for its historic buildings and as the site of ancient Indian mounds. Beloit is a Midwestern college with an international flavor: its 1,235 students come from 47 states, 40 countries, and the District of Columbia.

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## Gathering at the 'Crossroads'

The Cobblestone House in Clinton, among those featured in Patty Van Stone's book, Barn Quilt Photo Journal, is home to a barn quilt called "Crossroads." Above: Clinton Community Historical Society members gather to show off the quilt: (sitting) Mary Ann Inman, Linda Smith, (standing, Don Lee, Sidley Knutson, Suzanne Dammen, Jeanne Oldenburg, Susan Gunnick, Karen Oldenburg, Cheryl Aarud, Tom Larsen, Vaughn Johnson, Joyce Splan, Ron Nortier and Teresa Sommers. Left: Van Stone holds a copy of her book.

PATTY VAN STONE PHOTOS Clinton Our Town

## OUR ATTRACTIONS

## Local attractions

## **COBBLESTONE HOUSE/ WATER TOWER**

Located on Milwaukee Road, the Clinton Historical Society and the citizens of Clinton are very proud of our two most recognized historic structures.

The Cobblestone House, built in 1849 by Alonzo Richardson for the Samuel S. Jones family.

The limestone water tower built by masonry contractor Jacob Miller which went into operation in 1896. This is only one of two intact stone towers still in existence in Rock County.

### **CARVER-ROEHL PARK**

A great location for family reunions, group gatherings, school outings, nature hikes and much more, the park is at 4907 S. Carvers Rock Rd.

The pavilion has electricity and is available for rent. Contact the Rock County Parks Department at 608-757-5450 for more information.

### **FARMER'S PARK**

The park is located on Mill Street,

south of Front Street, at the beginning of the Pelishek Nature Trail (see more in the trail listing.) The park includes a vault restroom and a gazebo.

### **GERT WOLTER PARK**

Located on Shu-Lar Lane. Gert Wolter has bathrooms, a kitchen equipped with refrigerator, stove, and microwave, a pavilion with electrical outlets and picnic tables. For recreation there is playground equipment, horseshoe pits and a baseball field.

## **HELDT PAULSON PARK**

The park is being relocated within the new Clinton Crossing Subdivision. The play park is currently closed with a plan of re-opening this summer.

### **HERB REFFUE PARK**

The park is easy to find, located just off Church and High Streets, next to Clinton's Historic Water Tower. Herb Reffue Park includes port-a-potties, picnic tables and a large pavilion with electrical outlets.

For recreation there is playground equipment, a volleyball net, and

basketball hoops. The park is also the home of Clinton's Skateboard Park and the sledding hill.

## **LEE PARK**

Located just south of Clinton at the junction of Highway 40 and State Highway 67, This beautiful wooded 40acre park is located south of Clinton at the junction of US Hwy 40 and State Hwy 67.

It features a hiking/nature trail. arboretum, picnic shelter, softball diamond and an intermittent stream. Drinking water and grills are furnished. Restroom facilities and wells are found in the north and south areas.

## **PELISHEK-TIFFANY NATURE TRAIL**

The trail is 6 miles long and consists of 64.3 acres of land. This abandoned railroad grade has snowmobiling in the winter and hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, and bird watching in the summer.

For more information about Clinton's parks, including rental fees

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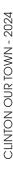
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## For our seniors

The Village of Clinton is home to the Clinton Senior Center, located at 508 Front St. The center offers senior meals Monday through Friday as well as a variety of activities. Please call 608-676-4600 for more information about meals or activities. The Senior Center also provides a shuttle service to the meal for village residents. Scheduled riders will be picked up at their curb at about 11 a.m. and returned to their home around 1 p.m. To register for a ride and meal, call 608-676-4600 by noon the day before you plan to attend.

CLINTON SENIOR CENTER PHOTO Clinton Our Town







## Shining at the car show

above: The Clinton Homestyle Car Show boasted a Pin-Up Girl Contest for 2023. Contestants included, from the left: Jameson "Miss Cherry Divine" Fecht, Krystal "Miss Cherry Pistol" Peterson, Wendy "Miss Koe Oss" Crowley, Rayann "Miss Bella Trix" Brown, Amy "Miss Darling Avenleigh May" Argue, Jennifer "Miss Gertie Goodnight" Heritsch, Kate "Miss Kitty Kat" Quinn and Jamie "Miss Sassafrass" Pecoraro. at left: Bob Yonkee – owner of Traffic Jams Speed Shop, and Pecoraro – winner of the pinup girl contest, stand near the raffle car, a 1929 Model A Speedster custom built by Traffic Jams.

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### **BECKMAN MILL**

Located at Beckman Mill County Park, 11600 S. County Road H, the 50-acre county park allows visitors to see an authentically restored 1868 grist mill, a new dam, mill pond, fish ladder, foot bridge, sawmill display, 1840s cooperage, visitor center, gift shop, creamery, blacksmith shop, picnic shelter, vintage garden, nature trail and more.

The showpiece of the park is the Beckman Mill, which is operational with power being supplied by its original 1860s water driven Leffel turbine. In the event alternate power is needed, the mill can be operated by its vintage twocylinder gasoline engine.

The mill was built shortly after the Civil War by millwright William Howe of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. In 1882 it was acquired by August Beckmann who had previously operated mills in nearby Juda and Hanover.

### **PUBLIC ART**

A stroll around the river and downtown Beloit lets visitors take in prime artwork, such as the 25 larger-thanlife modernistic sculptures by Beloit College alum O.V. Shaffer.

An eye-catching American flag affixed to the Ironworks complex along the Rock River is crafted with patterns once used by the Beloit Corporation. And when night falls, illuminated murals along the city's "Spine Road" dazzle.

### **BELOIT CIVIC THEATER**

Each season the Beloit Civic Theatre, a volunteer organization, presents a musical, a comedy and a mystery production. Performances are held at the Elizabeth Reinholz Theatre, 1225 Fourth St. (the south end of Beloit Memorial High School.) For more information,

call 608-362-1591 or visit beloitcivictheatre.org.

## **BELOIT ART CENTER**

Located at 520 E. Grand Ave., the center – as the community's connection to the visual arts - is host to 24 in-house art exhibits annually, along with quarterly exhibits with community partners. We also host numerous events from gallery talks and tours, to art classes, workshops, and groups, throughout the year. In addition, it's home to 15 artist studios. For more information, call 608-313-9083 or visit beloitartcenter.

## THE LINCOLN CENTER

On the site of the former Lincoln Junior High School, 845 Hackett St., offers a chance to view exhibit areas which focus on a variety of local historical themes. The exhibit areas include the Beloit Gallery, Arthur Missner Veterans Gallery and Memorial, the Ted Perring Sports Hall of Fame, and the Beloit Hall of Fame.

It also houses the Beloit Historical Society's offices, archives, community room, collection storage rooms and the Luebke Family Memorial Library. Researchers, genealogists, and curious visitors are invited to use the research materials. For more information. call 608-365-7835 or visit beloithistoricalsociety.com.

## **EFFIGY MOUNDS**

The Beloit College campus, 700 College St., contains 23 conical, linear and animal-shaped effigy mounds built between 700 and 1200 by Native Americans.

## **HERITAGE WALKWAY**

Located in Riverside Park, which is on Riverside Drive, the walkway features engraved bricks commemorating loved ones of area residents, as it traverses along the Rock River.

## **LOGAN MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY**

The museum, 700 College

St., features two-story glass cubes that display thousands of pieces including native American artifacts and Paleolithic art. It allows visitors to witness the actual workings of a museum.

### **POETRY GARDENS**

Found at Bushnell and College streets, it's a quaint tranguil place for strolling or realizing. The Gardens were designed by world-renowned artist Siah Armajani.

## **STONE WATER TOWER & WATER WORKS PUMP HOUSE**

At 1003 Pleasant St., now a visitor information center, the Water Works Pump House was built in 1885 and was the site of Beloit's first municipal water system. The Stone Water Tower, built in 1889, is listed on the National Historic Registry.

## **TIFFANY BRIDGE**

On Smith Road, Shopiere, the Tiffany Bridge is the nation's only five-arch stone railway bridge. This 388-foot bridge, built by hand in 1869, arches over the Turtle Creek.

### Janesville

## THE DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

This segment of the Ice Age Trail, at 2600 Parkside Dr., travels along and up the side of the bluffs by the Rock River in Riverside Park. Native wildflowers blanket the area in spring.

This mile and a half segment of the trail is for foot travel only and is family friendly. Parking, water, and restrooms are available in the park (seasonally). The trailhead is not accessible by vehicle in the winter.

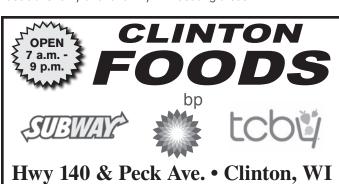
## **ROBERT O. COOK MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

Located at 3550 W. County Highway A, a large portion of the arboretum is a beautiful mature forest, and includes a prairie, marsh and wetlands, making it a great place for birding. Many species of native trees, plants and other wildlife can be found here.

Approximately eight miles of trails wind throughout the arboretum, some with interpretive trail markers, and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail runs through it. A paved trail connects the parking, log cabin and a StoryWalk is posted year-round, changing seasonally. It's an excellent place to snowshoe.

## **TOWN SQUARE**

Janesville's new Town Square, 65 S. River St., offers stepped seating with access to a floating dock on the Rock River, the J.P. Cullen Memorial Pavilion, and an interactive water feature sculpture called The Bubbler on the west side of the river. Connected by the Blain Gilbertson Family Heritage Bridge featuring the Resilience sculpture, the east side includes the Cope Ryan Pavilion and Town Square Donor Wall, activity deck, kiosk, fire table, promenade seating and other stone seating areas.



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