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Children are a gift from the Lord, They are a reward from him! Psalm 127:3

Caterpillar Parade, Spring Into Green set for April 8

Special to The Clinton Courier

Clintonians are encouraged to welcome spring to the community in Olde Towne on Saturday, April 8, as the famed community caterpillar Calliope makes her annual visit to the brick streets. Business owners and residents are busy decorating with colorful caterpillars to make Calliope feel right at home. Families are invited to join the parade that Saturday, which will be led by the 50' caterpillar and her troupe of children and adults.

Children and parents are invited to gather at Lions Club Park with decorated strollers, bikes, wagons, etc. for the parade. At 9:30 a.m., emcee and host James Anderson will start the event with the annual reading of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The parade will begin at the conclusion of the reading (approx. 10 a.m.) and is led by Calliope. The finale of the parade includes former Caterpillar Queens, the Butterfly Court, and the 2017 Caterpillar Queen riding on her chariot. Each child will receive balloons or noisemakers as they line up to follow Calliope the Caterpillar through the brick streets of Olde Towne. The parade ends at the intersection of Jefferson Street and West Leake Street, where the 2017 Caterpillar Queen will be crowned by the outgoing 2016 Queen Marilyn Hetrick. Following the parade, children are invited to enjoy the annual magic show, face painting and chil-

Street office by March 31. Free butterfly wings will be given away to the first twenty girls who sign up to serve in the Queen's Court. Applications for the Queen's Court can be found on the Main Street Clinton web site. After the parade, participants are invited to join the newly crowned Queen at Meme's



Photo by Susalyn Bennett

Calliope will be on hand to lead the annual Spring into Green parade in Olde Towne Clinton on April 8.

Brick Street Bakery for a Butterfly Brunch. The brunch costs \$12 to attend, and reservations are required.

Another parade highlight is the group of decorated golf cart floats. Clinton businesses, organizations or clubs are invited to enter a golf cart float in the parade. Organizers say it offers a fun opportunity for groups to show their community spirit by decorating their golf cart for spring and handing out goodies to the families gathered for the parade. Businesses interested in entering a golf cart float should contact the Main Street Clinton office for an application or download one from the Main Street

Download Butterfly Court applications from www.mainstreetclintonms.com/ButterflyCourt.

Download golf cart float applications from www.mainstreetclintonms.com/GolfCartFloat.

For more information, contact the Main Street Clinton office at 601-924-5472 or visit www.mainstreetclintonms.com/CaterpillarParade.

dren's activities while parents stroll through the Spring Into Green craft market. The first 250 children will receive a free butterfly chrysalis at the conclusion of the parade.

Again this year, the Caterpillar Queen invites any young girl to join her Butterfly Court. The Butterfly Court will march together in the parade wearing wings and sashes and will be recognized alongside the Queen at the crowning ceremony. Butterflies will be asked to wear their best butterfly costume and must register with the Main

website. There is no fee to participate.

In addition to the Caterpillar Parade, Olde Towne will host the first craft market of the year – the Spring Into Green Market. Held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., the market will take place on Jefferson Street and highlight unique handcrafted items and local food trucks. Shoppers have the opportunity to go “green” with their purchases at the market, buying from responsibly sourced or give back businesses. These select booths will be indicated by “Purchase with a Purpose” signage.

BE MOSQUITO FREE!

PREVENTION & PROTECTION

DRAIN

Remove standing water from around your home. It only takes a bottle cap's worth of standing water to cause a mosquito problem.

Common culprits that should be monitored regularly for standing water include

- clogged rain gutters,
- corrugated drain pipes,
- bird baths,
- pet bowls,
- trash & recycling bins,
- plant pots, and
- children's toys.

DRESS

When practical, wear long pants and long sleeves. Loose-fitting, light-colored clothing is best.

Studies have shown that some mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing and can most readily bite through tight-fitting, loose-weave clothing.

DEFEND

Use repellent! The EPA has registered repellents that have been reviewed and approved to pose minimal risk when used properly:

- DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methan 3,8-diol, or PMD)

MOSQUITO CONTROL

When performed properly by trained professionals, back yard mosquito treatments can help to reduce the danger and risk posed by disease-carrying mosquitoes.

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