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## New train rolls into Clinton Depot; caboose to follow



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The frame of Turner the Train's caboose is being built at Independent Metal Craft in Clinton.

Dee Warren of Independent Metal Craft is pictured in a welding helmet at his shop, working on the frame of the caboose.

and tournaments coincide, as well as [to] other shopping areas to promote sales. We will use it during the Christmas parade and to transport children around Clinton for fun. Any time there is a City event, Turner the Train will be there."

"We are so thankful to Independent Metal Craft in Clinton for how hard they worked on it," Boyd said, adding that they had great ideas for details.

"We had a good time doing it," Warren said. "We get interesting projects that entertain the mind and make you scratch your head over it."

Earlier this year, a contest was held to name the train. Jonathan Ford submitted the winning name, which was Turner. Turner the Train is named for Louis Turner, who in 1928, assisted by a crew of workers, laid all of the bricks on Clinton's famed brick streets. Turner, a veteran of World War I, worked with extreme pace laying all 600,000+ bricks in a just a handful of days as the November weather turned from chilly to cold. The tribute to Turner, who literally laid the foundation of Clinton's most treasured relic, pays homage to an unsung legend of the city. Turner the Train will travel the same streets built by his namesake 91 years ago.

"We are thrilled that Turner the Train will be making some appearances at Main Street Clinton events," Main Street Program Director Tara Lytal said.



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