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Frankly, My Dear, 2012 Riverboat Days Shines!



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The oddest of odd couples, "Gone With The Wind's" Scarlett O'Hara and the Frankenstein monster (inspired by the 1931 movie starring Boris Karloff) wave at attendees during Saturday's Riverboat Days parade in Yankton. These two characters were part of the Yankton Community Library float that won top honors in the Non-Profit category during the parade. This year's Riverboat Days theme was "A Weekend at the Movies." For more photos see pages 6-7. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

Cool Temps Draw Big Crowds To Festival

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Yankton's Riverboat Days summer celebration had an autumn feel to it this year, which helped bring thousands of people out for the festivities.

Randy Oliver, co-chair of Riverboat Days, said some of the new things this year included the tractor pull and the air shows that took place on Saturday and Sunday.

"Everything went great this year, the weather worked with us, with the exception of the little bit of rain that we got Saturday morning," he said. "Otherwise, the weather all worked out, even though it got cool in the evenings, which is both good and bad. But otherwise, everything worked out extremely well for us."

He added that the Meridian Bridge, which had not been open for previous Riverboat Days, is something officials might try to incorporate for future years.

"It's a good thought to incorporate the bridge into Riverboat Days," Oliver said. "However,

when you start separating things, it makes it more difficult, along with the liability factor of people being on the bridge."

Oliver noted it is also a challenge thinking of what they can put on the bridge that is suitable for the area and interesting for the crowd to enjoy.

Meanwhile the nice weather helped out the Yankton Area Arts festival held at Riverside Park.

Rebekah Scott, who owns Rebekah Scott Designs, and sells purses and other accessories, was selected as the craftsman best in show winner for this year's event.

"I sell everything myself and they are all my own personal designs also, so I sketch them all out myself," she said. "I do the prototypes and then go on to design them."

She added that 10 to 15 of the fabrics that she uses are hers as well.

"It means a lot to be best in show. I've been in business for



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Dave and Brenda Spencer, the 2012 Riverboat Days Captain and Belle, wave to the crowd during Saturday's parade.



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Friday night's fireworks display at Riverside Park once again attracted a huge crowd, which was treated to an explosive and colorful show along the Missouri River.



Officials Stress Children's Safety As Students Go Back To School

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As the school year begins throughout the area, officials are taking precautions to ensure children are safe when they head back for the 2012-13 school year.

In addition to the precautions schools are taking, officials ask parents and citizens to be safe and slow down around school zones as well.

The Yankton School District (YSD) has taken a number of measures to maximize safety for students as they return back for a new school year today (Monday).

One of the main things that has changed from last year is changing the bus pick-up and drop-off location at Webster School because the Pine Street bridge near the school is no longer accessible for buses.

Jason Bietz, business manager of YSD, and Dr. Joe Gertsema, superintendent of the district, remind parents that are picking up their children from school to be observant of things going on around them and to slow down when driving through designated school zones. They added that there will be extra patrols in the school zone areas strictly enforcing the speed regulations posted there.

"Parents and motorists need to slow down and follow speed regulations in school zones," Bietz added. "Drivers need to also allow enough distance between your car and school buses around the area."

Another change that was made a few years ago was moving the bus exchange area at Yankton Middle School

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Ranchers Lose Hope Drought Aid Will Come In Time

BY MARGERY A. BECK
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OMAHA, Neb. — It's hard to tell what frustrates Todd Eggerling more — the weather or Congress.

Searing temperatures and drought scorched Eggerling's land in southeast Nebraska, leaving little grass to feed his 100 cattle. Then Congress left for a five-week break without agreeing on aid to help ranchers through one of the worst droughts in the nation's history.

That means it will be September before Eggerling and other ranchers can even hope for disaster aid legislation that includes cash to buy feed until they would normally send their cattle to feedlots or slaughter in the fall or winter. For some, it's already too late. Out of grass and out of cash, they've sold their animals.

For others, time is rapidly running out as they try to hold on. Their decisions will affect the price and supply of meat for months, perhaps years, to come.

"I'd like to see every one of the senators and congressmen go out into one of these widespread, drought-stricken areas and spend a day," said Eggerling, 44, of Martell, Neb. "Walk around and see the effects of what's going on. Look at the local economies and see what's going to happen to them. Then they can go back to Washington with a real perspective and say, 'Hey, we need to do something.'"

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