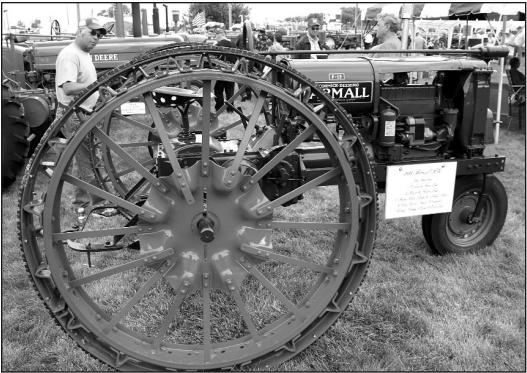




ABOVE: This patron checks out some of the wheels on display at the annual Classic Cruiser Car Show, held at the Riverside Park baseball field. (Hertz) **RIGHT:** The Crazy Racers Mower Races, held east of Riverside Park, have grown into one of the most popular single events tied to the Riverboat Days festival. More than 800 people crammed around the makeshift track to watch sooped-up lawn mowers race around an oval, sometimes going close to 40 miles per hour. In this photo, Chuch Chernotik Jr. (21) of Mitchell tries to get around Bob Holm (55) of Pukwana in a heat of the Outlaw class. (Hertz)



Singer/musicians hit emotional chords at the Riverside Park amphitheatre during the weekend, including Yankton's Hunter Baugh (above) with his group Hunter and Company on Saturday; and singer/songwriter Jami Lynn on Sunday. (Hertz)

ABOVE: The Tri-State Old Iron Tractor displayed some of its historic vehicles at the Riverside Park softball diamond, as well as put on numerous demonstrations and played "Tractor Games" on Sunday. (Hertz) **RIGHT:** Everybody was all smiles Friday night at the Riverside Park amphitheatre as dancers from Judi's Dance Studio of Yankton performed before a large crowd. Dancers from Judi's have performed during all 29 years of Riverboat Days. (Hertz)



LEFT/TOP: After a long, hot summer, cool temperatures greeted the arrival of Yankton's Riverboat Days, which officials believed played a hand in the huge crowds that turned out throughout the weekend. Some rain early Saturday was not a problem (and was actually quite welcome); Saturday's chilly temperatures proved uncomfortable for some people but were endurable and quite welcome after weeks of heatwaves. (Hertz) **LEFT/BOTTOM:** The musical duo of Mike and Jay performed near the beer shelter in Riverside Park Sunday afternoon, capping off a busy weekend of music. (Hertz)

Alexis Mentzel, 420, a 12-year-old from Mitchell, gets support as she approaches the finish line during Saturday morning's Mount Marty College Riverboat Days 5K. Although rain fell early Saturday morning, it didn't stop the runners from competing in the annal race. (Doom)



ABOVE: The Riverboat Days theme of "Weekend at the Movies" played out on this float, which featured Cat Woman and Marilyn Monroe, during Saturday's parade. (Hertz) **RIGHT:** While several entrants in Saturday's parade got into costume, some people were just happy to be marching in the parade before the thousands of people who lined the parade route. (Hertz)

The skies were filled with activity throughout Riverboat Days weekend. **LEFT:** The Vanguard Squadron Airshow performed over the Missouri River on both Saturday and Sunday, with three planes offering precision stunts, complete with smoke trails. (Hertz) **RIGHT:** One of the more popular activities of the weekend were the helicopter rides. The copter took off from the baseball field Friday and Saturday, then on a flat pad at the west edge of Riverside Park Sunday — and it always seemed to be in the air as it made constant trips out to Gavins Point Dam and back. (Hertz)



Riverboat Days was also a time for a lot of competition, with several contests available for all ages. **LEFT:** Josh Roth, right, bites down hard as he tops Mark Saltzman Saturday in the finals of the ages 5-6 division of the South Dakota State Arm Wrestling Championships. (Hertz) **CENTER:** A new event this year was the Mini Rod Tractor Pulls, held east of Riverside Park. (Hertz) **RIGHT:** The "Fire Retardants" put the finishing touches on their victory of the amateur division at the Yankton Fire Department Water Fights. (Hertz)

There were a number of superheroes who showed up during Saturday's Riverboat Days parade, including Spider-Man. Other superheroes includes the Avengers (Hulk, Thor, Captain America and Iron Man). (Hertz)