



Have Eyes For The Arts



Community Art Project Transforms The Treetops



Lately, you may have felt like you're being watched as you've driven the Yankton streets. Well, not exactly.

As a part of its mission to educate, advocate, and enrich Yankton, Yankton Area Arts has intentionally endeavored to integrate the arts within the community through public art projects. Specifically, the goal of the YAA Public Art Committee is to maintain a positive creative presence in the Yankton community by undertaking projects that engage people outside the walls of galleries, museums, theaters, and performance spaces to promote the idea that art is for everyone.

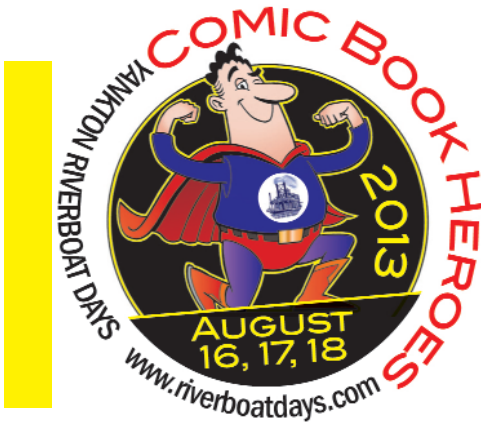
Last year, YAA success-

fully presented a short-term interactive display entitled "Before I Die." Positioned at the Meridian Bridge's entrance, the "Before I Die" wall offered community members and visitors a place to pause, reflect, and write for all to see their life goals and wishes.

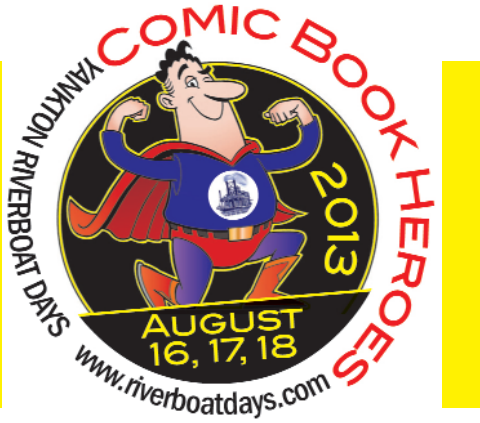
This year, YAA is presenting a new short-term display to pique interest and energy for the 2013 Summer Arts Festival and cause people in the community to pause and look at things with fresh perspective. YAA will do this in the form of nature personification. Seven pairs of eyes placed in strategically chosen trees around the com-

munity call people to "Have Eyes for the Arts"—a thought prompt, if you will, causing people to see the world around them with interest and intrigue and ultimately proclaim of Yankton, "art happens here!"

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