



This young Captain America, seen at Friday night's opening ceremony, was one of many heroes to grace the 2013 Riverboat Days celebration, which adopted the theme "Comic Book Heroes." (Hertz)

# Heroes!

*A Look Back On A Super Riverboat Days Celebration*

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Young talent was showcased throughout the Riverboat Days weekend at the Riverside Park amphitheatre. ABOVE: Dancers from Judi's Dance Studio were on their toes — literally — as they performed at the amphitheatre Saturday. (Hertz) RIGHT: Earlier Saturday, Kelsey Westerman performed a rendition of "Just Blew in from the Windy City" in the Yankton Children's Theatre Company's "Vaudeville Review." (Hertz)



These two superheroes made an appearance on the Truxedo float during Saturday's annual Riverboat Days parade. (Hertz) Batman, Captain America and, of course, Superman (along with many variations thereof) were the most popular comic book heroes to zoom around Riverboat Days. (Hertz)



As always, Yankton's Riverboat Days celebration was a hot time full of food and fun. (Fortunately, the weather cooperated with very mild readings all three days.) LEFT: Friday night's fireworks display along the river got the celebration off with a bang. A large crowd flocked to Riverside Park to see the pyrotechnics display. (Hertz) ABOVE: Ron Hausman of E&C Foods in Yankton turns some teriyaki sticks he grilled during Saturday afternoon's hectic feeding rush. Hausman was probably appreciative of the moderate breezes that flowed throughout the weekend. (Hertz) BELOW: This Lesterville firefighter adjusts his goggles while his team competed in the annual Fire Department Water Fights, held Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park. (Hertz)



There was plenty to do and see at Riverside Park this weekend. LEFT: The South Dakota Jazz Orchestra brought a big band (as well as Big Band) sound to the Riverside Park amphitheatre Sunday. BELOW/CENTER: This bellydancer from Diamond Dust Dancers performed at the amphitheatre Saturday. The troupe also coaxed some audience members on stage to show them some of the basic moves of the art form. (Hertz) BELOW/LEFT: This couple relaxed along the slope of Riverside Park Saturday to figure out their next move. (Hertz)



Bicycle stunt rider Chris Clark utilized a volunteer from the audience (and yes, he was a willing volunteer) to demonstrate some basic jumping stunts during a show Saturday. Clark's performances drew large crowds interesting in seeing his techniques. (Hertz)



Yankton seemingly became the face-painting capital of South Dakota during Riverboat Days. LEFT: Blossom and Friends did face-painting (as well as create balloon animals) near the amphitheatre. CENTER: Issabelle Pieper, 2, of Homer, Neb., gets her face done by "Face Painting by Rainbow Trout" at the Summer Arts Festival. (Hertz) RIGHT: These girls flash their newly-painted designs while riding the Ferris wheel at Riverside Park Saturday. (Hertz)