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It's August: Riverboat Days 2015 Is Nearly Here!

BY KATIE GREENE
RBD Secretary

Before becoming the secretary for Riverboat Days, I had been to many of them and spent time with friends. I also volunteered and worked in the ticket trailer on both Friday and Saturday nights. I thought I knew a lot about Riverboat Days.

I was wrong. I have to say, my last seven years have been a tremendous learning experience. Not only about the day to day operations of a festival this size, but about how much work and money it takes to have a successful weekend.

As secretary, I take many calls from organizations who would like to fundraise during Riverboat Days. The Board of Directors really does an amazing job of squeezing in as many non-profit organizations as they can. As you spend time in Riverside Park, I encourage you to take a look around and see for yourself all the groups that take part in Riverboat Days and help to make it the wonderful event that it is.

One of the first events that will take place Saturday, August 22, at 9:30 a.m. is the Riverboat Days parade. Our parade is the one event that is all about our theme: "Red, White, & Blue ... We Salute You!" We are so proud to announce Don and Marlys List as our parade marshals for 2015. Don and Marlys List have been married for almost 60 years, during which, Don served almost 42 years in the South Dakota National Guard. He was activated twice in his career, once for the Korean conflict and the second time for the Berlin crisis. Both Don and Marlys are active in the VFW and the American Legion. Don is captain of the VFW honor guard and Marlys devotes time to the Ladies Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary. Thank you both for your dedication and service. It is a complete honor to have you start off our parade this year.

The Riverboat Days Board of Directors feels like we cannot thank the parade committee enough for taking care of this event and making it seem so easy! There are many people on that committee, but Wayne and Jolene Williamson are the co-chairs who get things rolling!

Yankton Area Arts is once again preparing for another fabulous year with the Summer Arts Festival part of Riverboat Days. Booths have the option of opening up on Friday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. All booths will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Our Children's Tent will have a new location this year. We have decided to move it closer to the other children events located south of the Baseball Diamond. Friday night we have the Avera Obstacle Course with Coach Rozy from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday from 1-3 p.m., the Zoo Mobile from Sioux Falls will be here with some critters for us to look at and touch.

For other information on any of our other events, please visit our website at www.riverboatdays.com or visit our Facebook page. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Riverboat Days Office at 665-1657 or drop me an email at office@riverboatdays.com

On behalf of our Board of Directors — Randy Oliver (Co-chair), John Kraft (Co-chair), Dick Hunhoff, Nancy Teachout, Donna Madson, Mike Byrkeland, Rick Stone, Rich Andre, Robert Byrkeland, Milissa Wuebben, Jake Hoffner, Mike Villanueva, Dave Wright and myself — we would like to invite you to Riverboat Days 2015: Aug. 21-23.

A Wild Ride For 50 Years



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Rodeo action is only part of the annual Scottie Stampede, which opens in Scotland tonight (Friday). The event, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, also includes a parade and street dance.

Scotland's Scottie Stampede Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary This Weekend

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Every year, the Scotland Rodeo Club works hard to put together an enjoyable weekend centered around the Scottie Stampede Rodeo.

This year is no different — but it is special, as the Stampede celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Activities start today (Friday) at 5 p.m. with a hot dog night on Main Street and a wagon trail ride starting in Kaylor and ending in Scotland.

Justin Halverson, the Scotland Rodeo Club vice president, wanted to make sure this year's rodeo was extra special.

"We have hired specialty acts for entertainment," he told the *Press & Dakotan*.

One of those acts is the One Arm Bandit, a cowboy who trains horses, buffalo and steers to do various tricks in the rodeo arena.

In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for a commemorative quilt made to celebrate the 50th annual Scottie Stampede, and special T-shirts and hoodies can also be purchased.

The Scottie Stampede was started in 1965 by nine rodeo club members. Two of the members are still alive and one of them is the current rodeo club president, Ron Suess, who's witnessed the changes the Stampede has undergone over the years.

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That's an understatement, with roughly 3-5,000 people having attended the Stampede for several years. This is most likely due to the Stampede's trusted reputation of putting on a good show every year.

"It's good family fun. You can let your hair down and have a good time," said Halverson.

Other main events include:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- Scottie Stampede Parade at 1:30 p.m.;
- Scottie Stampede Rodeo at 6:30 p.m.;
- Main Street Dance with The Lugnuts from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- Scottie Stampede Rodeo at 6:30 p.m.
- For more information on the Scottie Stampede schedule and events, visit www.facebook.com/ScottieStampede.

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'Rock Garden Tour' Show Set For Yankton

Rock Garden Tour performs their variety show "Soul Butter & Hog Wash, A Fancy Country Barn Tour" in front of a live audience at the Bernie and Myrna Hunhoff Barn near Yankton on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m.

Musical guests include electric-Americana band Pleasure Horse.

Tickets are available online at sdpb.SHOP.org or at 1-800-456-0766.

The Bernie and Myrna Hunhoff Barn is located at 43937 / 303rd St., north of Yankton. Seating is limited.

Rock Garden Tour is a comedic radio show that combines gardening and rock and

roll. Hosted by Ted Heeren (aka Flower Man), Rock Garden Tour features music and conversation with a focus on the horticultural heritage and plains humor that are uniquely South Dakota.

Rock Garden Tour airs on SDPB Radio the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. (7 MT).

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