



ABOVE; Viborg-Hurley's Shelby Simonsen, right, beats Hartington Cedar Catholic's Emily Feilmeier to a loose basketball during action at the Roger Haas Memorial basketball Tournament in March. (Hertz) RIGHT: This prince (Chase Bunnis) delivers a royal performance during the Lincoln Elementary School's spring production of "The Granny Awards," presented in March. (Hertz)



Riverboat Days

RBD Is Headed To The Movies

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I am often asked when the planning for Riverboat Days begins and most people are surprised by my answer ... before Riverboat Days is even over, the Board of Directors begins to plan for the next year's festival.

This year has been no different. Deciding on a theme is one of the first items we try to accomplish. Choosing this year's theme took a little more time ... but we think the theme is a pretty exciting one. This theme allows for a wide range of creativity for those that enter the parade, the T-shirt contest, and generally try to make the weekend a little more fun.

The theme for 2012 is "Riverboat Days Weekend at the Movies!"

Yankton Area Arts has also been quite busy accepting applications for the Summer Arts Festival, and I am sure the shopping will be full of items that we all "have to have." If you have any questions, answers can be located at www.YanktonAreaArts.org, or call (605) 665-9754.

The Riverboat Days food vendor application is on our website for anyone who would like to be a part of our food alley. The application can be found at www.riverboatdays.com. The best way to keep yourself up to date on all of our events and news is to check out our website. As events become official, they will be listed on the schedule for everyone to see. We are continuing to work on finding new and exciting events, as well as bringing back the favorites.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, John Kraft (co-chair), Randy Oliver (co-chair), Troy Whitley, Rich Andre, Rick Stone, Chop Johnson, Dick Hunhoff, Nancy Teachout, Mike Gullikson, Chad Miller, Cliff & Donna Madsen, Bonnie Pinkelman, and myself, we hope you enjoy this amazing spring that we are having and invite you to mark your calendars for the third full weekend in August — Aug. 17-19 — for this year's Riverboat Days Festival.

IMAGES FROM AN OPEN

Winter

P&D Photos by Kelly Hertz and James D. Cimburek



ABOVE: An attendee at the Press & Dakotan's Bridal Show in January snaps a few photos of some of the formal wear on display during the annual event, held at the Riverfront Event Center. (Hertz) RIGHT: The University of South Dakota's Charlie Coyote helps this girl muscle her way to new heights during a break at a basketball game in Vermillion in February. (Cimburek) BELOW: Lacking a china shop, this bull broke free from a truck and led pursuers on a hectic chase through the middle of Yankton in January. (Hertz)



RIGHT: The Scarecrow (Evan Waltner) and Dorothy (Lori Hofer) decided to head down the Yellow Brick Road to go see "The Wizard of Oz," the annual theatrical production at Freeman's Schmeckfest in March. (Hertz)



The sign at Lewis and Clark Lake said no swimming, but these ducks and geese took advantage of the warm, open winter to swim around the ice-free waters in early January. (Hertz)



LEFT: The University of South Dakota's Kelly Stewart ducks under a Southern Utah defender while driving to the basket during a basketball game in Vermillion in December. (Cimburek) ABOVE: Danielle Heirlein of the Yankton Figure Skating Association takes the crowd back in time during her performance of "Cave Girl" at the group's season-ending spring show in March. (Hertz) To see or purchase images from the events covered by the Press & Dakotan, visit spotted.yankton.net.



ABOVE: Gov. Dennis Daugaard stopped by the Press & Dakotan in January to explain his plans for economic development and merit pay for teachers. Both issues proved controversial, and both may be the subject of referendums in the fall election. (Hertz). LEFT: Doc Myers (played by Jay Williams) prepares to introduce a performance by a pair of down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors in a scene from the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company's "Leading Ladies," which played at the Dakota Theatre in February. (Hertz)

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