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Hairball rekindles memories of good-time rock and roll when it headlines Yankton's Rockin' Ribfest on Saturday, June 7, at Memorial Park.

Summer's Near: Riverboat Days Is Coming Up Fast

BY KATIE GREENE
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The weather doesn't show many signs of summer being just around the corner, but the announcing of Riverboat Days Captain and Belle symbolize that there are just a few more months until Yankton will be packed with happy people ready to enjoy Riverboat Days weekend!

A few weeks ago the official announcement naming Chopper and Marlene Johnson as this year's Captain & Belle took place at the baseball game sponsored by the Optimists Club. We are honored to have Chopper and Marlene representing us for the summer. Both have spent countless hours helping the board in many different areas to be prepared for Riverboat Days. Even though neither one is that fond of standing in the front of a crowd taking the limelight they were the perfect couple to promote Yankton and Riverboat Days. We are excited to see them get a little praise and spend the summer waving and passing out buttons.

Winners for the T-Shirt/Poster Contest also were announced during the Optimists baseball game. Once again, Cor-Trust Bank sponsored this year's contest. Local 4th-6th grade students were given this year's Riverboat Days theme — "Out of This World" — and asked to design a T-shirt:

- This year's Grand Prize Winner was Anneliese Haahr. She was a sixth grader at Sacred Heart Middle School and was in Mrs. Olness's class.
- The fourth grade runner-up was Brianna Vollmer, Stewart Elementary.
- The fifth grade runner-up was Abby Newman, Stewart Elementary.
- The sixth grade runner-up was Hailey Gokie, Sacred Heart Middle School.

If you would like to purchase a shirt with the winning design, visit JJBenji's here in Yankton. A big "thank you" goes out to the Optimists Club, all the students who entered the contest and all the winners in the poster contest. Another big thank you to everyone involved at CorTrust Bank for sponsoring this year's poster contest.

As always, check our website to get the latest on the schedule, list of events and performers, enter the parade held on Saturday or view any of the other highlights — www.riverboatdays.com. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and 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.

From all of us on the board — John Kraft (co-chair), Randy Oliver (co-chair), Chad Miller, Bonnie Pinkelman, Dick Hunhoff, Donna Madson, Mike Gulikson, Nancy Teachout, Rich Andre, Rick Stone, and Robert Byrkeland — we hope you enjoy the next few weeks and remember to mark your calendars for Riverboat Days 2014 on Aug. 15-17.

Hair Raising!

Rock Theatrics Take Center Stage When Hairball Headlines Yankton's Ribfest

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ISS is coming to Yankton. So are Alice Cooper, Van Halen, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, Prince, Aerosmith and Ozzy Osbourne, to name a few.

Actually, they are brought to life thanks to Hairball, performing a free June 7 concert as headliner at Yankton's Rockin' Ribfest in Memorial Park. The Minneapolis band describes itself as a "two-hour, mind-blowing and drop-dead accurate homage to some of the biggest arena acts in the world."

Hairball consists of Kris Voxx, Rock Star Bob and Joe Dandy on vocals, Freaky on bass, Happy on guitar and Blake on drums. The band is celebrating its 13th year of rocking hundreds of thousands of people across the country. In addition, the band has released its first single, "Make Some Noise."

You can call Hairball many things, but don't call them an '80s tribute band, Happy said.

"Calling us a tribute band is like saying Mount Rushmore is a road-side attraction," he told the *Press & Dakotan* in a phone interview.

"We are so much more than a cover band. Don't confuse us with the tons of tribute acts. We are so much more," he said. "We are more like Trans-Siberian Orchestra and the Blue Man Group. You could say, we're similar to Blue Man Group and Van Halen getting into a wreck."

Happy pointed to the band's extensive use of make-up, costumes, lights, sound, video, smoke, fire and pyrotechnics — not to mention hordes of screaming fans.

"We blow off a couple thousand dollars of pyro (at a concert). And we have the wardrobe that, when it comes together, has almost got its own ZIP code," he said. "We have spent more money on wigs and costumes than most bands. We have developed it over the years and constantly tweak it."

Hairball's name reflects its origins, but the band has evolved through the years.

Creator and manager Mike Findling (aka Chainsaw Caine) started the band in 2000 as a spoof on the hair metal decade of the '80s. The tongue-in-cheek name was representative of the good-natured "laugh

Rockin' Ribfest At Memorial Park June 7

Yankton's eighth annual Rockin' Ribfest will be held Saturday, June 7, at Memorial Park.

Music starts at noon and runs until 11 p.m. Throughout the day, four local bands will be performing. The grand finale begins at 8:30 p.m. with Hairball making its first stop ever in Yankton to headline Ribfest.

Rockin' Ribfest will once again feature the Amateur Rib Contest, where amateur ribbers can compete for trophies and bragging rights. The amateur contest will be located at the south end of Memorial Park to the east of the basketball court. Official rules, judging criteria, and an entry form can be found at www.yankton-ribfest.com. Entrants are asked to read through the rules carefully as they are designed to be fair and equal to all cooks. Integrity of the contestants, judges, Rockin' Ribfest contest representatives, and organizers is essential.

Food vendors are open for business at 11 a.m., offering many delicious choices.

New this year is a coed sand volleyball tournament. This will be a 12-team double elimination tournament. Information can be obtained by calling 665-2263.

Visit www.yanktonribfest.com and follow Rockin' Ribfest on Facebook.

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Vermillion

Westreville Festival Is May 31

VERMILLION — The third annual Westreville Festival will be held at the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, 10 miles north of Vermillion on May 31.

A major highlight to the Westreville Festival this year will be an afternoon music festival featuring "East of Westreville" and "The Public Domain Tune Band."

A 5K Fun Run will start the day, along with a choice of a one- or three-mile Cemetery Walk. Sign in at 10 and the Fun Run will start at 10:30 a.m. Awards will be given to best three finishers. Barking Dog Bicycle Club bike ride will begin and end at the Church. Please visit their website for more details: www.barkingdogbicycling.org

Coffee and goodies will be served in the church basement at 10:15 a.m. featuring Historic Clay County cemetery books by Nancy Carlsen of the Clay County Historical Society. "The Amazing Race" for kids, put together by seventh grader Anna Orr, will begin at 10:30 a.m. with prizes for winning team. Less competitive children's games will be available too, all with prizes.

Homemade pies and Toby's Famous Chicken will be available for purchase at 11:30 a.m. until gone. Coffee, lemonade and other food will be available for donation throughout the afternoon.

Starting at 1 p.m., "East of Westreville" and "The Public Domain Tune Band" will perform outside on the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church ground. The music will move inside if there is inclement weather. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

The "East of Westreville" band provides a folk, bluegrass, gospel and country road trip into Americana roots music. Kaija Bonde is on vocals, with Boyd Bristow and Brian Bonde on guitars and vocals. Al Slaathaug is on bass. The band chose the name "East of Westreville" in part because Kaija's mother Norma, was a Westre and was born in the historic Westre-Ostrem Century Farm in Westreville. The band members are well-known South Dakota performers who have been involved with "A South Dakota Acoustic Christmas," "Always ... Patsy Cline," and have ap-

peared on "A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor." For more information, visit www.east-ofwestreville.com/.

The Public Domain Tune Band is made up of Westreville neighbors Owen DeJong on violin, Nick Schwebach on guitar and vocals, CJ Kocher on saxophone, and Larry Rohrer on bass and vocals. They play music from the roaring twenties and in the Jingo Reinhardt musical tradition.

The Westreville Festival serves to honor the old Norwegian town of Westreville, by raising funds to support historical signs and other projects. Organizers also raise money for a scholarship fund for a graduate from Irene-Wakonda High School. Funds may also support the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, WELCA, Sunday School, and the Cemetery Fund.

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church is about 10 miles north northwest of Vermillion at 45918 308th St. This is three miles west on 308th St. from South Dakota Highway 19, north of Vermillion. From the west, it is just east of the



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East of Westreville will perform at the annual Westreville Festival in rural Vermillion May 31.

Frog Creek Road and 308th St. intersection.

For more information, visit: Westrevillefestival.com/. Advanced

registration available at AllSport-Central.com. For more information call or email Grace Freeman at 670-0540, or gracefreeman@live.com.