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The Lewis and Clark Theatre Company opens its 54th season next week with the musical comedy "Nunsense." Performing the opening number, "Nunsense is Habit Forming," are, from left: Abby Cuka (Sister Mary Leo), Morgan Citterman (Sister Mary Hubert), Gaye Young

(Sister Mary Regina), Sarah Honrath (Sister Robert Anne) and Jennica Young (Sister Mary Amnesia).

'Nunsense'



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ABOVE: Jennica Young (Sister Mary Amnesia) introduces the trouble-making Sister Mary Annette in the number, "So You Want to Be a Nun" from "Nunsense." BELOW: Gaye Young (Sister Mary Regina) shares a solo number, "Turn Up the Spotlight," from "Nunsense." The play debuts June 4 at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton.



These Sisters Will Act Up A Storm In LCTC Season Debut

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Andy Henrickson, professor of speech and theatre at Mount Mary College, is no stranger to theatre productions. He's also very familiar with the upcoming Lewis and Clark Theatre Company (LCTC) production, "Nunsense," which he will direct as the company's opening show for its 54th season.

"My 'Nunsense' experience began about 20 years ago when I did this show in Sioux Falls and then subsequently did 'Nunsense II' a couple years later," Henrickson said. "We also did 'Nunsense Jamboree' at (Mount Marty) and did a summer tour." Henrickson and his cast will bring the musical comedy to life June 4-14 for the first time since it was last performed in the Dakota Theatre more than 15 years ago. Written by playwright Dan Goggin, "Nunsense" is a "20-year-old, big machine," according to Henrickson.

"(Five) nuns are putting on a fundraiser because their community was hit with food poisoning and 52 of their Sisters died," he said. "They were only able to bury 48, so they're trying to raise the money to bury the other four Sisters who died because of the (poisonous) soup debacle."

The fundraiser event includes the Rev. Mother, Sister Mary Regina, auditioning Sisters to see what talents they have to share

to be part of a production put together in one week.

The Rev. Mother will be played by Gaye Young, a veteran of the stage who will be making her debut at the Dakota Theatre.

"I've done musical theatre my whole life," she said. "(My family and I) moved here two years ago from Idaho and we were with several community theatres and did several productions there. But this will be my first performance at the Dakota Theatre."

Having played another nun role, Sister Berthe in the "The Sound of Music," Young has a few tricks up her sleeve to bring Sister Regina to life.

"Mary Regina tries to come off as very strict and commanding because she's in charge, but she has a soft spot and secretly enjoys the spotlight," she said. "At one point in the play she gets a hold of some Rush — which makes you high — and that is quite a fun scene to play."

Henrickson has been directing plays since 1981. He directed for 10 years at the

"I try to create an environment with 'Nunsense' so when (audience members) walk through the door, they know they're a part of it."

Andy Henrickson

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Riverboat Days 2015

Captain And Belle Ready To Promote Festival This Summer

BY KATIE GREENE

Riverboat Days Board of Directors

It has been a few weeks since our official "Countdown to Riverboat Days" took place. Each year, the Captain & Belle are announced at the Optimists Club baseball game here in Yankton.

If you missed the big announcement, this year's Captain and Belle are Dickie and Joyce Lane. Dickie is a past Riverboat Days Board member and has been responsible for the amazing fireworks we've had on Friday nights for many years. Joyce has spent many hours working the ticket trailer and helping to get those thirsty people the tokens they need to partake in a beverage or two. Both Dickie & Joyce have the perfect combination of hard work and positive attitude. They will spend their summer promoting Yankton and Riverboat Days and we know they will do a fabulous job.

The first two events are to welcome the attendees at the Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference and then to ride the float in the Czech Days parade on June 19.

This year's poster contest has also been completed. Local fourth, fifth and sixth graders are given the chance to enter the Riverboat Days Billboard Contest. Cor-Trust Bank sponsored this year's contest once again. All contestants were asked to illustrate this year's



Dick and Joyce Lane
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theme: "Red, White & Blue — We Salute You!" This year's Grand Prize Winner was Tatum Hohenthanner. She was a fifth grader at Sacred Heart School and was in Mrs. Geigle's class. The Fourth Grade Runner-up was Makenzie Medeck from Sacred Heart School. The Fifth Grade Runner-up was Jenna Clark of Lincoln

Elementary. The Sixth Grade Runner-up was Jaidyn Wishon, a student at Yankton Middle School.

If you would like to purchase a shirt with the winning design, visit JJ Benji's here in Yankton.

The Riverboat Days Board of Directors would like to extend a huge thank you to both the Optimists Club and Cor-Trust Bank for working so hard to make this kick-off to Riverboat Days such a wonderful event.

As always, check our website to get the latest on the schedule, list of events & 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), Mike Byrkeland, Dave Wright, Dick Hunhoff, Donna Madson, Nancy Teachout, Rich Andre, Rick Stone, Robert Byrkeland, Jake Hoffner, Milissa Wuebben and Mike Villanueva — we would like to officially invite you to Riverboat Days 2015, Aug. 21-23.



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