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From Dream To Screen

Meridian Bridge
Plays Crucial Role
In Independent
Movie To Be Shown
In Yankton Nov. 22

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An inanimate object such as a bridge can be used as a light-hearted setting for intimate moments or as a dangerous structure high above the water.

Conveying the right emotion is the job of a director, and when director Michael Linn saw Yankton's Meridian Bridge for the first time, he knew it was the right structure for his current film.

The city's bridge was used in key scenes from an upcoming independent film called "Until Forever."

It is based on the true story of Michael Boyum, a young man from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, who was diagnosed with leukemia. While Michael struggles to live, his brother Matt is battling depression and tries to end his own life. The movie is also a love story between Michael and his childhood sweetheart, Michelle, who are seeking answers to questions of faith, life and love.

Linn Productions has organized a free showing of "Until Forever" at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

"I always knew I wanted to have screenings in Hot Springs and Yankton to say thank you to those two communities," said Carolyn Linn, one of the producers of the film. "It's a tear jerker, but it is also uplifting which is what we try to do."

This will be the first time the film will be open to the public. The company has only had small, closed showings for the Boyums' close family and Rapid City's local Christian radio station KSLT. After seeing the completed film, Bonnie Boyum takes comfort in being able to relive that time in her son's life.



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Yankton's Meridian Bridge became a handy set piece for crucial scenes in the new independent film "Until Forever," based on a true story about a young man from Minnesota diagnosed with leukemia. Meridian Bridge was chosen as a stand-in for the actual bridge in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, where real-life events took place because the Minnesota bridge was under construction. A few scenes were shot on Meridian in early September 2014, including a scene at night (below) scripted to take place in the rain. There will be a free local screening of "Until Forever" at Calvary Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Nov. 22.

"When I watch the movie now, I feel like I'm back 16 years and I'm going through that year," she said. "I feel like I am back with (my son) and it makes me feel better."

After a yearlong battle, Michael Boyum passed away in the fall of 1999. Just a few months after his death, Michael's mother Bonnie Boyum visited Mahoney Media in Minneapolis and told a room full of strangers about a beautiful love story that needed to be made into a movie.

"Mr. Mahoney (president of Mahoney Media) said, 'I want you to get a hold of Michael Linn. He likes to do true stories, true Christian stories. This is his e-mail, e-mail him,'" Bonnie said. "And I did."

Linn is a director for Linn Productions, a family-based company out of Rapid City.

Bonnie continued to contact him and tell her son's story, determined not to give up.

"I worked on Michael Linn for 16 years," Bonnie told the *Press & Dakotan*. "I knew it would be made because God said it. Michael Linn always said 'In God's timing, Bonnie.' So I had to be patient."

THE PROCESS

Linn spent years interviewing close family and friends from Inver Grove Heights and gaining background. He admits this story was always in the back of his mind, despite working on other projects.



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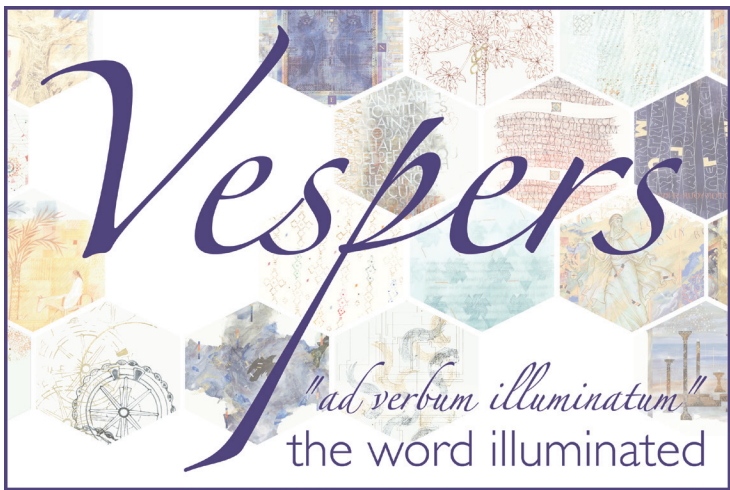
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