

miss the auction where you can purchase one of the wonderful pieces created during Riverboat Days.

**Sheltered Reality**

In 2003 Sheltered Reality came into existence with the mission to “employ the power of music to engage and motivate audiences to make positive change both in themselves and the world they live in.”

It is the general belief that music is a universal language, and Sheltered Reality uses music as a way to open the hearts of their audiences — this allows group members to share their personal stories of hardship and triumph.

“These are not words about strangers, but of members of one human family, people that have displayed courage, commitment, and genuine concern for the welfare of others, even under trial. This process is meant to inspire all to not only become better individuals, but to take action to help others succeed in life as well. We all do have the power to make changes and to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, and thus in the world around us.” (According to their website, [www.sheltered-reality.org](http://www.sheltered-reality.org))



**Mower Races**

Sheltered Reality primary focus is the advocacy for youth in crisis. To achieve this they teach personal empowerment and character building, and then encourages the application of these abilities.

In 2003, SR had 75 members, all based in the state of Iowa. In 2009, there are more than 300 members with groups all over the country.

Sheltered Reality will be performing Saturday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Amphitheatre.

**Arm Wrestling Championships**

Stop by the softball field, east of Riverside Park, on Saturday and Sunday for the South Dakota State Riverboat Days Arm Wrestling Championships.

Heartland Arm-wrestling, Inc. is headquartered in Omaha, Neb., and guided by Mary McConaughy. The sport continues to thrive by the promotions of elite

athletes, novice, teen, and kids divisions... there is a category for everyone!

Beautiful awards will be given for first, second, and third places in all divisions, with all children and teens receiving an award. So whether you just want to observe some great strong arms pulling or test your strength against some of the strongest, you will enjoy this feature!

**Hou Ten Cheng**

Returning again this year is Hou Ten Cheng, the Chinese Paper Cutter. If you haven't stopped to see his skills before then you really need to stop this year.

You can find him under the Children's Tent.

**Pietsch Air Show**

New to Riverboat Days this her is the Pietsch Air Show.

Warren Pietsch has been flying since the age of 16 and the Pietsch family has been entertaining



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crowds for 36 years. Al Pietsch, Warren's dad, founded Pietsch Air Shows in 1968. Now Warren and his brother, Kent, amaze crowds all across the country.

Watch the skies during Riverboat Days weekend and enjoy the show.

Another new event at this year's Riverboat Days are the Lawn Mower Races on Saturday.

The racers get riding lawn mowers going at amazing speeds. There will be four classes, including the Outlaw Class.

This is definitely something to check out!

Need to get out of the sun for awhile and want to enjoy more great

music? You can check out “Girlfriend” at the Dakota Theatre at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Performing songs from the 1940s through the 1980s, Girlfriend is a high-energy show that will send you back in time.

“Their three-part harmony shines on covers ranging from the Andrew and McQuire Sisters to the Eagles. They bring new life to the old clas-

sics by such greats as Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Everly Brothers, Hank Williams, ABBA, and Donna Summer, just to name a few. The stage is decorated with memorabilia, and with a short narration from each decade, the show is complete.”

Girlfriend members include Colene “Coco” Walters, Barb Johnson and Jill Miller.

**Cowboy Up and Head to the Rodeo**

If it's Riverboat Days then it's time for the 23rd annual Dodge PRCA Rodeo.

Get ready for two action filled nights, Friday and Saturday, that begin at 7:30 p.m. and don't stop til the last cowboy has taken his ride. Stick around after the rodeo on Saturday for a live Country Western music performance - at no charge.

As always, family fun and excitement can be had at the rodeo. There is something for everyone — bucking broncs, fierce bulls, calf roping and steer wrestling, women on some of the fastest barrel racers in the region, and of course muton bustin' for the kids. Don't forget to head down to Western Trails at 208 Walnut Street in downtown Yankton to sign up your little riders.

The committee is so excited to announce the return of Korkow Rodeos. For the past several years Korkow's been bringing some of the best livestock in the country to Yankton — including several that have

also competed in the national finals and world championships. Seeing the livestock alone is worth coming to the rodeo.

In the past we have seen some cowboys that have made it to the national finals, as well as some up-and-coming riders. You won't want to miss seeing these cowboys and cowgirls in action.

Also returning is Timber Tuckness as the head clown and entertainment. It has been a few years since his last visit and the Yankton Rodeo Association is glad to see him return.

Kyle Shobe is also returning as the rodeo announcer.

You won't want to miss the excitement. You won't want to miss the adventure.

For more information on the rodeo, call Doug and Val Hevie at (605) 665-9231. To find the rodeo grounds from Highway 81, take 50 west and look to your right for the big barns; or take West City Limits Road, head north and watch for the signs.



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