

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 jobs 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
(Photo: Photography By Jerry)

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.

June Declared 'Yankton Bike To Work/Bike To Play Month'

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department and the local Bike Yankton group announce that June is Yankton Bike to Work/Bike to Play Month.

As a bicyclist, be encouraged to wear your helmet every time you ride and if utilizing any "Share the Road" routes or riding on public roadways please obey all traffic laws.

You are invited to participate in these bicycle events in June and beyond (be encouraged to ride to work and play to the many other community events taking place in June and beyond):

- Tuesday night community bike rides. Meet at Ace Bike and Fitness and the ride begins at 6 p.m. Two different routes each week with one being a short (10-mile) ride and one being a longer (15+ miles) ride at a faster pace also. Rides occur in May, June, July, August and

September.

- Bike to Yoga Class. Every Monday of June, Yoga starts at 6 p.m., and on Saturday, June 13, Yoga starts at 9:15 a.m. in Riverside Park. Gather in front of the Capitol Building prior to the class starting. Rebecca Johnson will lead the Yoga classes in the park.

- The Habitat 500 Bike Team is sponsoring the Habitat Hoedown June 11 at 7:30 p.m., at Riverside Park. There will be live bluegrass music. It takes place in close proximity to the Meridian Bridge and the Auld-Brokaw Trail so wear your bike helmet, and receive a root beer float for half-price.

- On June 23, the City Commission "Pedal to the Parks" Ride led by Mayor Dave Carda along with other city commissioners will be held: 6 p.m. — "Blessing of the Bicycles" prior to the ride. The blessing will take

place in the grass area south of the Dakota Territorial Capitol in Riverside Park; 6:30 p.m. — Start the approximate 10-mile ride from the parking lot by the Capitol Building in Riverside Park. The ride will include the lower level of the Meridian Bridge and passing Westside Park, Morgen Park, Tripp Park, Fante Memorial Park, and Rotary Nature Area. Bike trails and public roadways will be included in this ride. 8 p.m. — After the "Pedal to the Parks" ride stay in the park and enjoy the free concert by the Yankton Area Community Band at the Amphitheater.

- City of Yankton's Kids Duathlon. Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. at Riverside Park. Kids ages 6-15 can participate in a bike and run event utilizing the Meridian Bridge and trails in the park.

- Take-A-Kid Mountain Biking Day in October. Sponsored by Ace Bike and Fitness and the International Mountain Biking Association. Visit the Yankton Parks and Recreation Facebook page and the Bike Yankton Facebook page for more information.

Find out about the benefits of bicycling, lots of cycling tips, and more, by visiting www.bikeleague.org/.

Talent Sought For SD State Fair Show

HURON — The South Dakota State Fair and South Dakota entertainer Sherwin Linton is looking for South Dakota entertainers of all genres and styles to be included in the 2015 State Fair Centennial Stage Shows.

South Dakota entertainer Sherwin Linton has been a perennial favorite at the South Dakota State Fair since the early 1970s. Linton has been an advocate for South Dakota entertainers and in collaboration with the State Fair management and staff, he works to give South Dakota talent opportunities to perform.

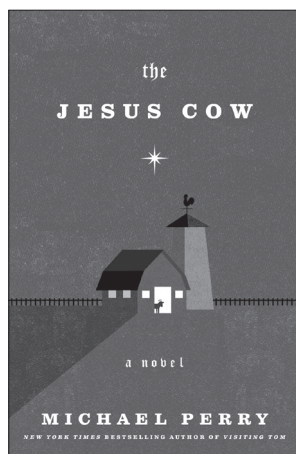
The Centennial Stage is where fair goers will find the Linton Show and each year many South Dakota entertainers are scheduled to perform as opening acts for "Sherwin & Pam Linton and The Cotton Kings" at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. CDT daily.

Send biography, photo, CD and/or DVD to: Attn: Sherwin Linton, Centennial Stage, South Dakota State Fair, 890 – 3rd St. South West, Huron, SD 57350.

All submissions must be received no later than June 15, 2015.

The Book Shelf

Holy 'Cow'! A Fine Read



"The Jesus Cow: A Novel"
by Michael Perry; © 2015,
Harper; 287 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The town you grew up near hasn't changed in umpteens years.

Oh, sure, there are new roads, and new houses dot the outskirts. The grocery store your Mom preferred is now owned by someone else. But there's still a church on Main, still an everybody-knows-who-you-are watering hole, and kids still do things on Saturday nights that you once did. But in the new novel "The Jesus Cow" by Michael Perry, there's change coming to Swivel, Wisconsin, and it's not necessarily good.

When Harley Jackson stepped into the barn that Christmas Eve and saw that his Holstein, Tina Turner, had given birth, he knew right off that the calf was trouble.

It was a bull calf with an outline of Jesus, plain as day, right on its side, and Billy Tripp, Harley's best friend, said that it could make Harley rich. But no, Harley really just wanted to live his life with "low overhead." He decided to hide the calf until he could figure out what to do.

Carolyn Sawchuck saw the light in Harley's barn, and she hoped he wouldn't spot her sitting where she was. For the past five Christmas Eves, she'd climbed 40 feet to the top of Swivel's historic water tower to check on a little project

she'd been creating. If Harley and Billy couldn't see her, then nobody could and her secret was safe.

By 3 a.m. Christmas Day, Klute Sorensen was awake and fuming about the idiots in Swivel, especially Harley Jackson. Because Harley was holding on to the last pathetic 15 acres of what was once his family's farm, Klute's planned subdivision was a failure. Frustrated that he couldn't manipulate Harley like he could many of Swivel's other residents, Klute vowed to get that land any way he could.

As the old year gave way to the new, Harley still couldn't decide what to do with that calf. He couldn't even bring himself to tell his new girlfriend about the Savior on the calf's hide — until the calf escaped and Dixie the mail carrier spotted it. Almost within minutes, County Road M was filled with believers and cars.

And Harley knew trouble had only just begun...

When I first received "The Jesus Cow," the title gave me pause: it seemed quite profane, maybe flippantly so, but I dove in anyhow. Ultimately, I needn't have worried: author Michael Perry's got this one.

As it turns out, the "cow" in the title really isn't around much in this delightful book filled with (mostly) good-hearted characters, but he does serve as a nice catalyst for what happens. Indeed, though he's really barely mentioned directly (and certainly not irreverently), the cow runs this gently humorous, sweetly folksy — but sharply allegoric — story of greed, faith, friendship, and small-town life. I loved it.

Readers of Perry's nonfiction books will want to know that this is perfect Perry-as-usual, only in novel form. If you're a fan, in fact, you'll eat this up. If you're not a fan yet, well, "The Jesus Cow" will change that.

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