

The Rivertime Players announce *Meal Ticket*

Shane Bridges of the Rivertime Players has announced the play selected for this year's Toby Show, *Meal Ticket*.

Meal Ticket, written by Robert LaThey in 1932, is a play that Bisbee's Comedians used as they toured through these parts, which means this probably isn't the first time this play has been presented in Parsons. Rivertime Players are proud to bring it to life again as part of our city's 100th birthday.

Meal Ticket tells the story of a big-city newspaper man who comes to town after buying the local paper. As fate would have it, he employs Toby and moves into the local boarding house, whose owners have little money, but they do have a very lovely daughter.

Will the city slicker take advantage of the poor family (and their daughter) or will Toby and friends take him for a ride? Laughs abound in this tickling tale of love and mirth.

The Rivertime Players are a group of volunteers in Parsons who strive to provide a community-based performing arts organization for the purpose of presenting dramatic and musical theatre; present quality family entertainment; create opportunities for children and adults to develop talents in all aspects of theatre arts; and to foster, promote, and increase the public knowledge and appreciation of the performing arts.

The troupe was formed when Dr. Dawn Larsen donated to the Parsons Arts

Council the last remaining repertory tent show in November 2006. The Rivertime Players are now caretakes of a historic cultural asset that can trace its roots to its founding 115 years ago.

The dates for the 2013 Toby Show are Friday, September 27; Saturday, September 28; Friday, October 4; and Saturday, October 5. All Shows begin at 7:30p.m. The tent will open one hour before curtain and pre-show entertainment will begin one-half hour before curtain.

Watch *The News Leader* for more information about this upcoming performance, which is a highlight of the annual Parsons Peavine Festival, and make plans to see this show with all of your family and friends!