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## Toby's back in town

*Rivertime Players present  
Frankentoby*

Frankentoby will come to life on stage in Parsons on October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25th as the Bisbee influenced Rivertime Players will present the fun for all ages show. This presentation is a little different from the original Frankenstein movie in that there will be lots of laughs instead of screams. Well, there might

be screams of laughter!

The legend of Frankenstein is one of the most gruesome stories that anyone ever imagined. He was a giant eight feet tall monster made out of body parts stolen from graveyards and then sewn together by a mad scientist. "Franky" was then brought to life with a bolt of electricity. (No, this

will not work with your couch potato husbands!)

Frankentoby is a lot like Frankenstein with the greenish skin, large swollen forehead which holds his new brain that was sewn in, a monobrow, walks like a zombie with arms straight forward and even sometimes screams himself if he sees fire. The Rivertime Players' Frankentoby is none other than Clayton Quinn and he says that

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Frank is just misunderstood.

"You will see that Frank is a much more lovable and humorous monster than the one we have known," points out Clayton.

He readily admits he doesn't know why he was picked for this part, but says, "like anything in life, you have to work at it. You have to practice and dedicate a large part of your life to this art. I don't think people truly realize the hard work and time it takes to do what an actor does. Acting is a chance to be someone you normally aren't and not get judged as a person for it."

Elicia Jo Spain will be playing the character of Abby Late. She says the part is a no-nonsense kind of lady who speaks what is on her mind and usually with a very sharp tongue. Is this part right for her?

"I think it has something to do with the saying of art imitating life," declared Elicia. "I can be pretty blunt when it comes to speaking

my mind and Abby is that type of character."

She says she tries to become as much like the character as possible and follows the directions of the director, Shane Bridges.

"I try to give 100 percent to my performance and to the work that goes on to bring the show together," Elicia said. "I like to bring laughter and fun to the audience and I also like the challenge."

Elicia says that people should come to the show because it is "comical, entertaining and maybe for a while you will be able to relax and become part of a tradition from the past".

"The whole creative process in bringing a show to the stage is fascinating," declares Mark Tubbs. "Learning about your character, trying different ways of saying the words to see how they fit the situation or how they can change the interaction with other characters, allows you to

experience how others might deal with things differently than yourself."

Tubbs also says that working with a great bunch of people makes all the efforts easier in addition to the show being fun.

"I think there's something in it that everyone will find funny," notes Tubbs. "I also think it is important that we continue to have the Toby Shows to keep this part of history alive and to honor the troupers that brought this style of entertainment to so many rural communities in the past."

Be sure to continue to follow the continuing "saga" of Frankentoby as each week The News Leader will continue to introduce you to the different characters. You will have the opportunity to learn about their story lines and how they feel about the Bisbee Shows. Don't miss the continuing picture line of Frankentoby!