



PHIL CRAWFORD tunes up his guitar as he practices for the Tumbleweed Roundup to be held in St. Francis Wednesday.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Poetry/music festival planned

By Karen Krien
Phil Crawford has organized St. Francis' first Tumbleweed Round-Up which will feature cowboy and cowgirl poets and musicians along with "just plain story tellers." The production will be held at 2 and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cheyenne Theater on Main Street, St. Francis. Mr. Crawford reports that there will be eight to 10 performers with featured performers being nationally known poet Walt Gove from Grainfield and Leonard Hopper, guitarist and singer, from Gem. Mr. Crawford will be strumming his guitar and singing and Helene Landenberger, well-known poet from St. Francis, will be also performing. Among the other performers tentatively planning to come to the

Wednesday shows are: Ernie Ketzner, poet from Bird City; Fred Krien and Ferdinand Krien playing their "squeeze box" and guitar; Don Love, guitar and sing; Gary Cooper, poet; and Fred Magley, poet. "There may be others there for either or both performances," Mr. Crawford said. "Whatever, we will have good, homespun entertainment and it is free." People are welcome to come for all or part of the performances. "We have a "swinging door policy" where people can come and go at their leisure," Mr. Crawford said. Mr. Crawford has been playing the guitar since he was 9 years old. "I was in the hospital and a nurse taught me to play and I've been playing ever since," he said. He has been traveling in the area, attending other cowboy poet and mu-

sic shows for the last six years. For the last five years, he has performed in the Valentine, Neb., show which is the largest such show in the United States. "I've patterned the St. Francis show after the Valentine show," he said. Ms. Landenberger, who has helped Mr. Crawford with some of the arrangements, has been writing poetry since she could remember. She has produced and sold a number of tapes and has also performed as the Wild Rose Poet in numerous events. The Tumbleweed Round-Up has been supported by a number of St. Francis businesses. For more information, contact Mr. Crawford at 785-332-2367 or go to StFrancisKs.com.

Fair activities begin — Local team ropers, barrel racers compete Wednesday night at fair

By Karen Krien
A local team roping and barrel racing will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night of the fair in front of the fairgrounds. Cliff Pilkington, chairman of the event, reported that 30 to 50 roping teams have already indicated that they will be competing. The contests are open to everyone in the county and following the show, there will be additional roping. The stock is being provided by the Northwest Kansas Team Roping As-

sociation. The entry is cash only and will cost the team \$20 for three head, however, teams can enter as many times as they want. Buckles will be given for the first prize and cash prizes will be awarded for second and third. **Barrel racing** The National Barrel Horse Association District KS07 is sponsoring a barrel race that same night and entries will open at 5:30 p.m. Membership in the association is not required to enter this race.

There will be the Pee Wee race for kids 8 and under, Youth Barrels for 18 and under, and the open class for all ages. The barrel race will be run in accordance with the Association's rules including the requirement of wearing a long-sleeve shirt and hat. For more information or to enter early, contact KS07 district director, Shawna Blanka at 785-332-2875 or Deb Christy, KS07 district representative at 785-332-3053.

Full-fledged rodeo/barrel racing on the agenda for Friday evening

By Karen Krien
A full-fledged rodeo will be held at 7:30 on Friday night along with junior barrel racing. While the rodeo has many professions entered, there is room for the local riders but those planning to enter must call their entries in on July 25 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Cliff Pilkington, committee chairman, reported that this is absolutely necessary and the number is 580-349-5772. The rodeo is put on by the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association and the Ne-

braska State Rodeo Association. "We are expecting the same good bucking stock from Yuma Rodeo Stock out of Torrington, Wyo., said Mr. Pilkington, noting that the owner had promised his best horses and bucking bulls to come to St. Francis. "They will have had a break and should be buckin' pretty good by the time they get here." Contests will include: bareback riding, calf roping, saddle bronc, ladies breakaway, steer wrestling, team roping, ladies barrels and bull riding.

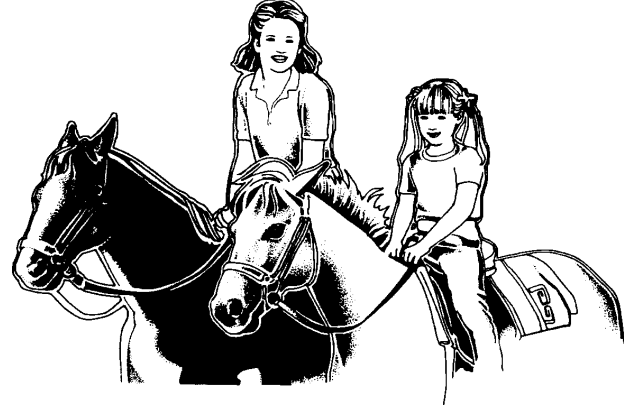
"Last year we were a little short on rough stock riders but this year, there is more money to be won and hopefully, they will have suffered less injuries," Mr. Pilkington said. "There are also no other conflicts with other rodeos." **Barrel racing** In conjunction with the rodeo, a junior barrel race will be held during the rodeo. A maximum of 10 local entries can be taken and they will need to call Shawna Blanka at 785-332-2875 before Aug. 1

Full-filled family entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the fairgrounds

By Karen Krien
McClain's Mutton Busters and Kids Ranch Rodeo will provide plenty of fun-filled family entertainment starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday night of the Cheyenne County Fair and kids do not have to pay. Kids weighing under 60 pounds will be able to enter the mutton bustin' contest. There is no weight limit on the other events which include: goat tying, wild cow milking (its a wooden cow that gives real milk), barrel racing (on wooden horses) egg and flag race, dummy roping, wild cow branding, diaper pinning, wild cow vaccinating, pony express race and other activities.

There will be clown acts, jokes and fun. The McClains report that the clowns are there to watch out for the safety of the kids and animals while keeping the crowd entertained. The Mutton Bustin' contest has a few rules and requires pre-registration.

Wade Krien, fair board member in charge, reported that it is necessary for him to know how many kids are planning on riding. Outside of the Mutton Bustin' contest, all kids can sign up the night of the show.



Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
I have been listening to all the controversy stirred up by the advance announcement of a driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint during the upcoming fair. I understand there are fiscal concerns of economic losses to the county/city, public relations (PR) concerns, and the loss of some sense of fun that should be associated with our fair activities.

of fun...if our driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint will keep just one person out of the emergency room (ER), or one family from a graveside service on the hill overlooking town, it will have been worth it's weight in gold. How's that for fiscal value.
Dr. Mary Beth Miller
St. Francis

per I hear about people murdering two, three, or even four people within a matter of hours. And I read just a few weeks ago that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported that our violent crime rate increased last year again. Surely his family's "long tradition of law enforcement" would have educated him enough to know that when our crime rate consistently increases we are not safer now than we were just a few years ago.
When I cast my vote on Aug. 6, I will vote for someone with the dedication it takes to restore justice and safety in our state for our children and our children's children and who will keep violent criminals where they belong: behind bars!
Signed,
Edward Carson

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
July 17	98	66	
July 18	100	64	
July 19	101	68	
July 20	102	66	
July 21	94	66	
July 22	85	62	
July 23		53	

Years Ago

25 years ago - 1977
Twenty-one girls participated in Girl Scout Day Camp in the City Park. The week was spent working on the Cyclist Badge. Cindy Leach and Delores Dorsch were camp directors. Leaders who helped were Lucy Jewett, Diane James, Marianne Bressler and Deloris Elijah. Aides that helped were Theresa Seymour, Theresa Gleason, Sally Hickert and Lori Elliott. Arlene Ambrosier was business manager. Thirty youth of the community will present a musical entitled *Come Together*. It is a worship service and experience in Christian love. It will be

presented at the Lutheran Church on July 10 and the Methodist Church on July 17. Continental Trailways serves Bird City four times daily. There are two east bound buses and two west bound buses with pickup being at the J.C. Gleason Drug Store. Gilbert Frisbie is the new president of the Board of Education with Kenneth Beougher as vice president. Denise Cress, Cheyenne County Wheat Queen, will participate in the Thresher Show.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 2 hours & 22 min.

Showing July 26, 27 & 28
Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones
Science Fiction/Fantasy
Rating: for sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Christopher Lee, Frank Oz

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children: \$2 Senior Citizens/High School: \$3 Adults: \$4

There is a current radio ad that says
"If you do not vote, others are making decisions for you."
Make sure your voice is heard by voting for:
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I would appreciate your vote on Aug. 6
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The Cheyenne County Hospital Employees would like to extend an invitation for you to take part in the "SWING FORE YOUR HEALTH" 3-persons scramble benefit golf tournament
Sun., Aug. 25
Registration Start Time: 11 a.m. CST
Tee-Off: 12 p.m. SHARP
at Riverside Recreation

The entry fee is \$55 per person. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place items in three flights.

There will be an evening dinner *open to the public* at Riverside Dining beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$6 each. Tickets can be purchased at the following businesses: Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne Pharmacy Plus, Krien Pharmacy, Schultz's, Bankwest, Krien Farm Supply in Bird City, Cheyenne County Clinic in Bird City and First National Bank in St. Francis and Bird City. All proceeds will go towards a new defibrillator for the emergency room. This machine is used to access your hearts abnormal rhythms and shock it back to its normal rhythm. **This machine can save lives.**
To register please call Riverside Recreation at 332-3401.

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