

Cowboy singers and poets perform

By Karen Krien

Phil Crawford is once again organizing the St. Francis' Tumbleweed Round-Up, the third annual, which will feature cowboy and cowgirl poets and musicians along with "just plain story tellers." The production will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and at 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cheyenne Theater on Main Street, St. Francis.

As usual, Mr. Crawford has a number of people lined up to entertain the audience and the admission is free.

Mr. Crawford told about, as a child, he wasn't able to afford to go to the fair so he has organized this show so anyone who wants to can come and enjoy the music and other entertainment and it won't cost a cent!

Some of the entertainers are Leonard Hopper, guitarist and singer from Gem; Heartland Harmony comprised of Tema Trumbo, Talley Morrow and Natalie Knodel; Gary Cooper, Ernie Ketzner, Don Love, Helene Landenberger, Highway 389 Blue Grass band; Fred and Marsha Magley and Mr. Crawford.



Crawford

Mr. Crawford said there are others who have talked about coming but haven't let him know for sure. "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.



EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER for the 2004 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show which begins today in Bird City. Each year the engines are shine up and put on display for the large crowd anticipated. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Thresher Show going on in Bird City

By Casey McCormick

After months of preparation the time is here. The 51st Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show begins today.

This event would not be possible without the generous help from many volunteers. Machines that have laid still for a year must be eased back into action. Buildings must be swept and cleaned. Details must be addressed to prepare for the festival-like atmosphere that will welcome visitors from near and far.

One of the main players each year is Gerald Wright. He leads the charge to get the famous steam engines ready for action.

While Mr. Wright and several other men, who know in-depth the inner workings of the antique vehicles, service the machines, they are helped by a junior crew.

Mr. Wright said, "They are wonderful, dedicated workers."

He is referring to the 11 kids who aren't afraid to get dirty and learn a little history.

"They help each other," said Mr. Wright. "Ain't often you find kids like these."

Working together, the young people are in a classroom that does

not have desks or a chalkboard, but they are getting an education. And someday they will be the ones to carry on the tradition that has already made it over half a century.

This year's steam engine kids are Caitlin Wright, Rex Weishapl, Jacob White, Dalton Magnani, Tyler Knapp, Brandon Gordon, Spencer Ambrosier, Bryce Ambrosier, Tyler Gilliland, Tanner Gilliland and Josh Garner.

One of the goals of Mr. Wright and his crew is to get a 1921, twin cylinder Nichols and Shepherd engine going again.

Mr. Wright said, "It hasn't run since Ernie Bressler died."

The year was 1985 when the Nichols and Shephard last ran and has been stored at the Thresher Grounds since.

It was originally the property of Seward Brubaker's, Helen Brubaker's father. The steam engine was sold to Ernie Bressler and later inherited by Robert Bressler. After Robert Bressler's death the family donated the machine to the Thresher Association.

Mr. Wright said, "We're planning on getting it operating this year."



TWO WRIGHTS CAN MAKE IT FLY! Caitlin Wright takes a lesson from Gerald Wright as they team up to maintain a steam engine. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Information told on one type of cancer

The American Cancer Society Cheyenne County Relay for Life is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at Sawhill Park with cancer survivors walking the first lap. For more information contact Paige Gardner at (785) 332-3506.

The Relay for Life committee submitted the following information concerning one of the types of leukemia.

Every day for life

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) begins in the bone marrow, which continually produces red cells, white cells and platelets. In chronic leukemia, the white cells are mature but are not normal and live much longer than normal. They do not fight infection as well as normal white blood cells (WBC). Chronic lymphocytic is a chronic form of leukemia, which affects lymphocytes.

The cause of chronic lymphocytic leukemia remains unknown.

Freedom

By Ashley Holzwarth

If I lived where freedom did not exist, I would have some questions. Is life worth living? What would be the point of even getting out of bed, if I couldn't accomplish what I want in my life?

I would constantly have someone telling me what to do and how to do it. I don't even like when others order me on what to do, let alone the government. It would be hard for me to listen to the people that are involved in the government when they aren't even active in my daily life.

When I think of not having freedom, I realize what small things I take for granted, everyday. Having a choice of what my own style is, getting out of bed when I want, and choosing what I would like to do for the rest of my life are some small things that I take for granted.

I do not want to get up every morning knowing that since I was a child, my life has been planned for me. So what is the point of getting out of bed if knowing that in the government's eyes, I can be easily manipulated and have my freedom stolen from me?

There is currently no known way to prevent most leukemia. However, smoking is by far the most significant avoidable risk factor for many types of cancer including leukemia. The only inherited risk factors known for chronic lymphocytic leukemia is having a first-degree relative (parents, siblings or children) with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. People with this risk factor have a two-to-four times higher chance of developing chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

One-fifth of people with chronic lymphocytic leukemia have no symptoms at the time of diagnose. The cancer is found by a blood test performed during the evaluation of other unrelated health problems or during a routine checkup. Even when symptoms are present, they are nonspecific, and may be unrelated to cancer. A complete blood count is a test that examines the changes in number of different blood cell types and their appearance under a microscope. Patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia have too many lymphocytes in their blood and not enough red blood cells or platelets. A definitive diagnose of chronic lymphocytic leukemia is by bone marrow biopsy.

The bone marrow sample is taken from the pelvis or hip and is then evaluated by a pathologist.

Treatment options for chronic lymphocytic leukemia vary depending on the severity of the disease. Patients with low-risk chronic lymphocytic leukemia can live untreated and the average survival rate is 15 years. Careful and frequent follow-up is important to monitor the progression of the cancer and treatment may be considered if symptoms or a progression of the cancer develops.

Intermediate risk chronic lymphocytic leukemia patients without symptoms may only need monitoring for symptoms or progression. Half of the people with this stage live over seven years. Treatment for patients who develop symptoms is chemotherapy. High risk chronic lymphocytic leukemia patients are treated with chemotherapy and may also be treated with low-dose radiation of the spleen if enlargement occurs. Average survival rate for high risk chronic lymphocytic leukemia patients is about four years. The average age of patients who develop chronic lymphocytic leukemia is 70 years of age.

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