



FIVE WHEEL DRIVE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S WHOOP-UP LINEUP

## Plenty of free stage shows

There's a wide array of free stage entertainment during Whoop-Up Days Aug. 9-14.

Kenny Shaw and Terry Stokes will be part of week-long free indoor and outdoor stage acts as well as special appearances at other Whoop-Up Days attractions.

"Both are very good entertainers," says Bruce Campbell of the entertainment committee. "They are able to gear their acts to the different audiences and both are good shows."

"Last October, at a convention in Saskatoon, many of the board members saw both these acts and they highly recommended them."

Shaw will do shows each day on the indoor and outdoor free stages. Stokes takes to the outdoor stage at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Shaw is a multi-talented entertainer and has appeared with the likes of Janie Fricke, Tommy Hunter, Ian Tyson, Slim Whitman, The Osmond Boys and Ricky Van Shelton.

His high-powered wit, conical skits, musical parodies and one-liners are bound to crack you up.

He integrates the hits of entertainers of the past three decades with sketches on Reverend Jim, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Stewart, Elmer Fudd, Jack Nicholson, Dwight Yoakum and many others.

He has won the British Columbia Country Music Association's entertainer of the year award three times and has been part of the Canadian Country Music Awards Show four times.

Stokes has performed in front of more than a million fairgoers and among his better-known shows are the Calgary Stampede for nine

years and the Edmonton Klondike Days.

He's also done his hypnosis act at the Western Washington Fair, California Mid-State Fair, Hawaii Jaycees Fair and the Cal-Expo State Fair.

A clinic hypnotist, Stokes left his practice in 1979 to perform in night clubs, lounges, fairs and live stage shows.

"He is just fabulous," says Lethbridge and District Exhibition general manager Grace Duff. "He is so funny."

Stokes does nothing to embarrass his subjects, which he brings up out of the audience. Instead he promises nothing but fun.

Each show is totally different, that's why he's able to entertain children's audiences one day and appeal to seniors the next.

Phyllis Diller calls him a master showman and incredible hypnotist. Known as The Mental Connection, Stokes has appeared with stars like Diller, the Smothers Brothers, Lee Greenwood, George Burns, The Supremes and Red Skelton.

His show is basically comedy entertainment with a cast of stars — volunteers from the audience. You will see people become the road runner, Dolly Parton and other stars, or doing the twist or hula.

It's hypnotic fun at its best.

Another big part of the free indoor stage entertainment package will be the Chief Mountain Cloggers, Audra Foggin, Pauline Horton, True South and other local artists.

The Chief Mountain Cloggers have performed at the Calgary Stampede, Lethbridge Whoop-Up

Days, at the Banff School of Fine Arts along with Red Skelton and in front of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, at most southern Alberta fairs and rodeos and the Great Canadian Horn Dance each summer at Hill Spring.

They appear regularly at the Carriage House Theatre in Cardston and have won regional team championship in top-calibre American competition.

Also on the free indoor stage will be True South, Audra Foggin and Deedra Lybbert.

These two sisters, Hoggins of Magrath and Lybbert, a former Miss Rodeo Canada from Lybbert, will dazzle you with their singing abilities.

When Stokes and Shaw are not on the outdoor free stage you will be able to enjoy the Star Quest '94 search for talented southern Albertans.

Presented by CKRX and CKTA, Star Quest will be awarding \$1,000 to the winning band of three or more people. The winning solo or duo instrumentalists or vocalists will receive a professionally completed CD of one song from Aardvark Recording. The winning soloist, with a pre-recorded back-up, will receive production of a music video from Channel 5.

Entrants must be at least 18 years of age, Canadian citizens with acts no longer than 15 minutes. The participants will be judged on stage presence, talent, appearance and creativity.

Whoop-Up Days has a solid package of free entertainment line-up with something to appeal to everyone and all pre-tested this year in front of board members.

# Casino, saloon popular places

The Whoop-Up Casino and Silver Bullet Saloon will be a popular places during Whoop-Up Days.

Many fairgoers find the casino, in the 4-B Building, the place to relax and enjoy a little gambling fun through the week-long fair.

There will be gambling tables and 60 slot machines.

Table games include Black Jack, Roulette, Sic Bo and poker.

The Whoop-Up Casino will be open Tuesday through Sunday.

The slots will run from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday to Thursday and follow the regular casino hours after that. The casino hours Tuesday through Thursday are 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to midnight Sunday.

For those who like wheel games the regular Shrine Club crown and anchor booth will be located on the grounds, near the permanent food booths.

The Silver Bullet Saloon, which adjoins the Casino in Heritage Hall, will feature top-calibre live entertainment this year, with no cover charge.

The saloon will be open 2 p.m. to midnight Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. to

10 p.m. Sunday.

Featured entertainment in the Silver Bullet will be Five Wheel Drive, a country band with a hit single 'Holdin' On'.

They're known as a very lively country-rock group.

Among the places the band has performed are the Cloverdale Rodeo, Williams Lake Stampede, Canadian Finals Rodeo, Prince George Exhibition, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and the Vanderhoof Bull-a-rama.

The band delivers red hot, choreographed country rock.

Five Wheel Drive will perform from 9 p.m. to closing each night.

Silver Bullet Saloon entertainment begins at 7 p.m. with comedian Kenny Shaw. At 8 p.m. there'll be dance and karaoke contests followed by Five Wheel Drive.

Both the casino and the saloon have concession areas.

While enjoying the Silver Bullet and the casino don't forget to try your luck with the Lethbridge Jaycees \$10,000 Bar of Gold and the Lethbridge Kinsmen's draw for one of six vehicles.

Tickets for both draws are \$2 apiece or three for \$5 or 10 for \$10.

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