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Diamond W Wranglers and Rex Allen Jr. in concert for United Way

Featuring a night of classic Western and Cowboy music, the Diamond W Wranglers and Rex Allen Jr. will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the Liberal High School Auditorium. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Seward County United Way and the 27 local agencies it support.

“Thanks to some great sponsors, we’ve been able to keep ticket prices very affordable,” said Kay Burtzloff, executive director of the Seward County United Way. Tickets are only \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$5 for youngsters 16- years-old and below. “It was important to us to make it an event the whole family could come and enjoy.”

Sponsors for the event include KSCB Radio, Crazy House, First National Bank, Community Bank, Golden Plains Credit Union, Southern Pioneer Electric, Black Hills Energy, National Beef, Agricultural Energy Services, and Action Realty. “We are still accepting sponsorships,” she said, and the contact information for the local United Way is 620-624-5400 or scunitedway@sbcglobal.net.

The Diamond W Wranglers is a Kansas band with 14 albums that has represented Kansas in Germany and played on the Great Wall of China. Although based in Wichita's Old Cowtown Museum, Diamond W has played in Carnegie Hall, and in concerts across the West with many famous friends in country as well as western music. The band received the Will Rogers Award for 2008 Western Album of the Year from the Academy of Western Artists.

Diamond W will sing western classics first done by Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey, the Sons of the Pioneers, and Marty Robbins such as “Cool Water” and “Tumbling Tumbleweeds.” The band also will sing a selection of cowboy style gospel songs from their own gospel album and as well as contemporary cowboy music, including their own award winning original compositions. Members of the band include Stu Stuart, Jim Farrell, Steve Crawford and Chip Worthington.

As the featured soloist, Rex Allen, Jr. said that "My roots are in Western music, in the feel and harmonies of my early work, on through to what I am doing today." Allen Jr. was a regular on “*The Statler Brothers Show*” on *The Nashville Network* in the 1990s, and he hosted the spin-off series, “*Yesteryear*.” He also served as the narrator for the Jim Carrey movie “*Me, Myself, and Irene*.” In the last seven years, Allen Jr. has recorded eight albums. On Oct. 5, Allen Jr. was inducted into the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame. In July, Allen received the Twentieth Annual Ernest Tub Memorial Award, from the Western Film Preservation Society.

In fact, Allen Jr. recorded his latest CD, “Other Voices,” in a studio owned by Jim Farrell, of the Diamond W Wranglers. "I love the way Jim thinks," Allen Jr. said, "and the musicianship of the Diamond W Wranglers is exactly what I was looking for when creating the new CD."

“We are also offering special group discounts on tickets if they are purchased in advance,” said Burtzloff. “Just contact me and I will be happy to work out the details.” Ticket prices for groups 10 to 25 will be \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and \$3 for youth. Groups above 25 will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for youth.

Tickets will be available at the door unless the venue is sold out ahead of time. Tickets are available at Crazy House, Liberal; First National Bank Main Offices, Liberal and Hugoton; Sunflower Bank, Liberal, and Golden Plains Credit Union, Liberal or call 620-624-5400.

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