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The cast of “The Civil War” is busy polishing speeches and checking musical scores as the days tick off to the opening of the musical at Chase County Schools.

“The Civil War” will be presented Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m and Oct. 24 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Tickets can be reserved by calling Director Randy Hayes at the school at (308) 882-4304 Ext. 152. Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Hayes said the musical has no story line. “It’s a series of independent scenes representing emotions experienced by both sides in the war,” he explained.

The Civil War took more lives than any other war in the United States’ history, and divided families.

The music is tremendous, Hayes noted, “causing people to reflect on the cost of freedom.”

The musical is a song cycle, created to honor the people and their times told through music and lyrics.

The 28 songs represent the emotions and the people of the Civil War, not through a connecting story line, but through separate glimpses of their feelings and expressions.

Hayes said, “Our challenge is to present those expressions through song, rather than emphasis on costuming and sets. However, we will be projecting numerous pictures of the Civil War on our scrim curtain as the songs are being performed.”

“The Civil War” was written by Frank Wildhorn, Gregory Boyd and Jack Murphy.