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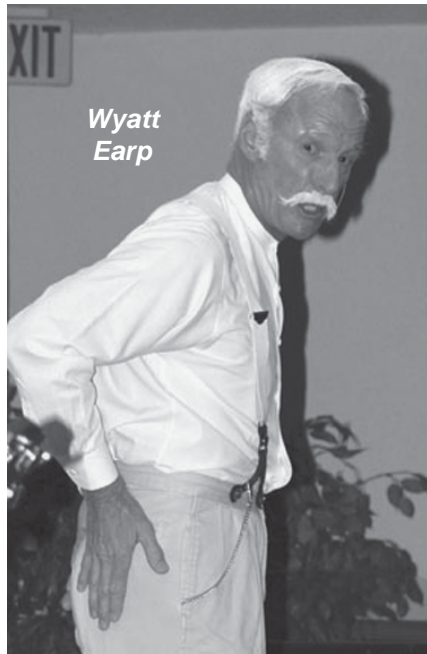
The wild and crazy side of Old Miners' Days comes out during the annual—and hilarious—Doo Dah Parade in downtown Fawnskin on Saturday, July 18, followed immediately by the Loggers Jubilee at the historic Pedersen Sawmill.

Off-the-wall, sassy and downright zany, Doo Dah Parade begins at 10 a.m. You'll have a good belly laugh at this one-of-a-kind parade that spoofs the bigger Old Miners' Days Parade finale in August, as Big Bear locals show off their humorous side.

Don't be surprised to see men dressed as nuns, toilet paper floats, the "Dairy Queens" and other hysterical entrants. Then there's Habitat for Humanity's "Stud Finders." Enjoy barbershop by Bear Valley Dandies quartet and costumed performers courtesy of Big Bear Renaissance Faire.

Trophies are awarded for different categories. There's no cost to attend the hour-long Doo Dah Parade, which is just three blocks long so arrive early for the best viewing, and be sure to bring your most outrageous hat, sunglasses or attire because anything goes!

For more Doo Dah Parade information, call Lori Gardiner at (909) 878-4220.



Wyatt Earp

Chautauqua History Alive

"Wyatt Earp" Visits Big Bear

See Wyatt Earp play Wyatt Earp as one of the West's most notorious figures "comes to life" in Big Bear during the historical reenactment "History Alive Chautauqua" on Saturday evening, July 25.

Wyatt Earp—yes that's his real name as the grand nephew of the famous lawman from Tombstone, Ariz. and Gunfight at the O.K. Corral fame—entertains with fascinating tales from the Old West. This year the audience gets to experience *The Story Hollywood Never Told*, as an older Wyatt Earp reminisces about the early days in Tombstone.

In particular he recalls how his wife Sadie told him "Wyatt! A person is safer going up against you in a gunfight than on the dance floor!" "To which the lawman replies, "Well Sadie, next time I'm up against some desperado in a gunfight, I'll just ask him to dance."

Earlier this year Earp received the prestigious "Spirit of the Old West Alive Award #3" for his performance in the show that's visiting Big Bear. He has performed as the historic Wyatt all over the Southwest, Alaska and abroad in England, Scotland, Ireland, Hungary and France. The plays he performs are all written by the historical Wyatt's playwright wife, Terry Earp.

Previous Chautauqua audiences have enjoyed Wyatt Earp's performances as Wyatt, and also as the marshal's sidekick, the almost as equally famous Doc Holiday. 2009 marks Chautauqua's 10th anniversary as part of the Old Miners Days celebration and is sponsored by the Friends of the Big Bear Valley Library.

The 7 p.m. event is at Summit Christian Fellowship Church, across the street from the Library at 41930 Garstin Dr., which hosts a reception following the performance with refreshments. Admission to show and reception are free.

Call the Library at (909) 866-5571.

"Almost" Counts Horseshoe Contest

Annual Regulation Pit Stop Attracts Players From All Over The Region

On Saturday, August 1 folks will come from all over Southern California to pitch in this annual horseshoe contest, which draws anywhere from 70 to 90 contestants each year.

The event is a double elimination tournament that begins at 9:00am in the pits on the beautiful lakeside beach at B's Backyard Bar-B-Que. Fair warning: if you want to win this tournament, be prepared to pitch horseshoes into the night as this contest has been known to extend well into the evening.

All levels of experience are welcome to play. All participants get a T-shirt with the \$15 registration fee. Sign-ups take place the day of the event but you can print a sign-up form online at www.oldminers.org.

Come participate in a side of Big Bear never before seen as horseshoes make and break competitive bonds between friends and foes, and one person walks away the 2009 Old Miners' Days Horseshoe Contest winner.

The winner gets a trophy and sometimes a big head! But this adult event is very fun and usually a riot of laughs as horseshoes and bruised egos get thrown about everywhere. Spectating is free.

B's Backyard is right on the lake with lots of fun in the sun. Adjacent to the beach is B's Boathouse with live music on the deck by Full Deck featuring Ron Bertorello in the afternoon, followed by the hottest live bands inside the lounge after dark.

For more information on this event, call Chuck Lindeen at (909)866-7700.



Jail?... Bail!

Pay Up For Charity

It's a long standing Old Miners' tradition that if you have a couple of bucks you can have someone thrown into the Old Miners' Day's rolling Jail. All you have to do is swear out a "warrant," pay, and the deputies make the "arrest."

To get out of jail, you've got to make bail, and the bail amount is set when you're "arrested" — then you call on all your friends, your family or co-workers to help you collect the bucks for your bail.

Now, if you don't want to play along, you don't have to, but it's a real fun way to help raise funds for the charities that are sponsored through these Old Miners' Days events.

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