

WILD WEST: Performing troupe creates and acts out scripts

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“Taylor was in a skit last year, and now all my kids are getting into the act,” Barrier told *The Nugget*.

Two new re-enactors from Redmond, Naomi Marlitt, a.k.a. Sassy Savannah, and Lorinda Tiller, a.k.a. Amber Rose, are members of the Cowboy Action Shooting Club and dressed up as the “fancy ladies” in town.

Another new couple in town was Sam Kovic, a.k.a. Chance the Outlaw, and his wife, Lee, a.k.a. Polly Wanda Cracker, from Medford have been members of the Cowboy Action

Shooting Club for a year. Kovic said, “You don’t want to get ‘Polly’ mad; she’s a sure shot. Actually, Lee’s got a real good aim.”

Cowboy action shooting is a fast-growing shooting sport, and is embraced by men, women and youngsters from all parts of the globe.

Besides the shootout performances and skits beginning at high noon, the show also featured a beer garden and vendors with a variety of Native American and Western-themed arts and crafts for folks to meander through.

New vendor artist Jeanne Warren from Grants Pass, a native Oregonian, showcased her detailed wildlife oil paintings while doing a demonstration for visitors to watch.

“I started painting as a kid,” she said. “My mom was

my inspiration. She painted in oil, and I used to watch her.”

Her online gallery name, “Photismos,” stems from Warren’s passion for painting light and color. She loves working with light and shadows to create a colorful experience in nature.

Vendor Marissa Walker from Ventura, California creates her silver jewelry masterpieces on the road and in the

wilderness.

Walker said, “Right now, I’m living out of my little tear-drop trailer in the area. I handcraft my jewelry work while I’m on the road and I pick up all my stones for my silver pieces along the way.”

Jennifer Haken, co-owner of Garden of Eden in Sisters, also runs a mobile LulaRoe clothing boutique and was open to the public as one of

the show’s vendors.

“I bought this trailer from a friend, and it was already custom-made for a clothing shop,” Haken said. “My husband Jeff and I are very entrepreneurial. But I started my own business to help pay the bills, start a savings and it helped put my child through college. And now my daughter has her own LulaRoe clothing boutique in North Carolina.”

Sisters author’s story to air on TV

Local author Melody Carlson has had one of her novels adapted for television.

“All Summer Long” premieres this Saturday night on the Hallmark Channel and stars Brennan Elliott and Autumn Reeser. Peter DeLuise, son of the late comedian Dom DeLuise, directed.

The story takes place aboard a dinner yacht and is set on the San Francisco Bay, but the movie was filmed in British Columbia. Carlson visited the set in June to meet the cast and crew and watch the filming. Although she was invited to participate as an extra during a party scene, Carlson quite literally missed the boat. The crew sent a shuttle back to shore to pick her up after filming of the scene was complete.

Carlson is the author of over 200 novels for women, teens, and children. Her stories range from serious issues like schizophrenia (“Finding Alice”) to lighter topics. She has accrued a number of awards including Romantic Times’ Career Achievement



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The Yellowfin is a central part of the story “All Summer Long.”

Award, the Rita and the Gold Medallion. Over the years, some of her other books have been optioned for film or television, and still others are currently under consideration. “All Summer Long” is the first to come to fruition.

“All Summer Long” premieres Saturday, August 24, at 9 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel. To learn more about Melody’s books and keep up with future news, visit www.MelodyCarlson.com.

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