



Premier banjo player George Baker will perform July 4 with the band of Dale Nicholls.

Musicians spice festival calendar

Musical variety from foot-stomping country-western to the brassy sound of the big band era will entertain Sandy Mountain Festival visitors Saturday and Sunday in Sandy's Meinig Park.

The performances on the Music Stage adjacent to No Name Creek follow the tack taken throughout the entire festival and promise some listening enjoyment for just about every musical taste. Some old favorites and some new offerings will be ready to take the stage.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

The popular Rhinelander Polka Band will kick off the musical festivities Saturday morning at 11 a.m. when its members launch into their renditions of old polka classics.

The band has played at the Multnomah County Fair's beer garden and Bowman's Red Lion Inn and last year entertained all the early arrivals at the Sandy Mountain Festival with the musical goodcheer.

At 1 p.m., the Don Cappa Band takes the stage for some country music. The band has been together for two years and has worked throughout the Portland area. They've played at the Marriott Hotel and Jody's Hot Country, as well as at private parties.

The group consists of Don Cappa who plays drums and sings; Jerry Welch takes the bass guitar, fronts the group and sings like a bird. Bill Geske plays lead guitar and Larry Behm raps it up with steel guitar, fiddle, banjo and also can sing a pretty song.

Robbie Robinson will take over at 2:40 p.m. for some oldies and goodies.

At 5:30 p.m., the Swipesy Cakewalk Ragtime Band, a group of six Portland area musicians, will close the day's festivities with a two-hour performance. They perform the music of Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, Joseph Lamb, George Gershwin and many others.

They also play traditional Dixieland music and blues, as it is close to the music of the ragtime era.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Dave Eberly will play country and blue grass music Sunday morning from 11 a.m. til 12:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m. Dale Nicholls and a 14-piece orchestra will present Big Band Music of the Swinging Years with the sound of the 40's and 50's. The band, an annual highlight to the musical extravaganza of the Mountain Festival, is made up of professional musicians from Local 99 of the Portland Musicians Union.

Special guest performers with the big band sound will be John and Craig McKinley, a pair of banjo virtuosos.

At 3 p.m., former Disney Studios musician and composer George Bruns takes the Music Stage with his Pacific Northwest All-Star Dixieland Jazz Band.

Radio Flyer, a country-western band from Portland, closes the musical portion of the Sandy Mountain Festival with a performance from 5 to 6 p.m.

Fireworks, Nicholls band set for 4th

An exciting fireworks display and some stirring music will highlight the Fourth of July, the annual kickoff to Sandy Mountain Days.

Sandy Civic Services will sponsor its July 4 celebration at the Sandy Union High School athletic field. The music will begin at 8 p.m. with the fireworks display tentatively scheduled for 10 p.m.

The 1981 Sandy Mountain Festival Queen and her court will be presented in front of the high school

athletic field grandstand at 9 p.m.

Sandy Mayor Ruth Loundree will welcome the crowd and Dick Busby will be Master of Ceremonies.

Dale Nicholls of Sandy will lead a six-piece combo which will simulate the big band sound.

"It's the smallest big band in the Pacific Northwest," Nicholls laughed.

The band will feature Lynn Teadtke on trumpet, Bud Walters on tenor saxophone, Bob Lang at the

piano, Bill Becker on drums and Nicholls on trombone.

Renowned banjo virtuoso George Baker will perform as a guest artist with the band. Baker is considered one of the best banjo players in the western United States. He was a featured artist with the great bands of Spike Jones and Turk Murphy.

"There is probably no finer banjo player on the west coast than George Baker," Nicholls noted.

Nicholls, a Sandy resi-

dent and businessman, played professionally for 26 years before coming to Sandy 12 years ago. He played trombone for the Desi Arnaz Band on the "I Love Lucy Show," in addition to play in bands led by Phil Harris, Harry James and Freddie Slack.

The large fireworks display annually draws hundreds of spectators to the SUHS field. It is sponsored by the Sandy Chamber of Commerce in association with the Sandy Fire Department.

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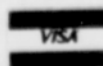
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