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Special events and characters visit South Park City Museum this summer

The characters of South Park

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It is always special to visit the South Park City Museum, but this year there are even more special events, including music, learning how to play an old west gambling card game, meeting Father Dyer, interacting with unconventional women of the west, ducking some bullets from gunslingers, as well as running from or embracing ghosts during the after-dark tours. (Photo by Lori Bennett/The Flume)

South Park City Museum is always a fun place to visit, and just when you think you have seen it all or know it all at SPCM, there is more. This year, in honor of its

60th anniversary, the museum is having even more historical fun in the present.

Cindy Huelsman, administrator of South Park City Museum, said, “We have another

After Dark Tour Friday, July 5. The tour has been very popular this summer and takes you through the seven original buildings.

“The buildings are lit with lanterns, and some people have reported ghostly feelings ... there are some ghost stories, but most stories are historical,” Huelsman said.

The After Dark Tours require reservations and are for those age 13 and up.

Additional events in July include:

Music with Randy and Carol Barnes – July 6 and July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Music by Randall McKinnon – July 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After Dark Tour – July 5 and 12, 8 p.m.

Legendary Ladies – July 13, performance at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Father Dyer Tour – July 14, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Learn to play faro – July 20 and 21.

Llama and Burro Races: July 27 and 28 – The course takes competitors right through SPCM.

Music

Randall McKinnon, Park County local, will play music on the dulcimer and share some cowboy music history. McKinnon is popular throughout Colorado, including the sleigh rides at Keystone.

Carol and Randy Barnes are popular around the county, and the buonavistacolorado.org website reports that their music includes a hammer dulcimer, guitar and concertina and features Irish jigs, Scottish melodies, classical, traditional American and more.

Faro lessons

Faro is an old west gambling card game, and learning how to play has also been a favorite of visitors.

According to Wikipedia, “Faro (card game), Pharaoh, or Farobank is a late-17th- century French gambling card game. Winning or losing occurs when cards turned up by the banker match those already exposed.”

Legendary Ladies at the SPCM

These are ladies who may include “unconventional women” of the west. Their cast of characters guaranteed to bring history and stories to life include Molly Brown, Calamity Jane, Mother Cabrini, Amelia Earhart, Emily Griffith, Katherine Lee Bates and more legendary women.

Additional activities August through October

Annual Living History Days at SPCM – includes historical characters and even a few gunslingers: Aug. 10 and 11.

After Dark Tour – Aug. 2, Sept. 6 & Oct. 4.

Music with Randall McKinnon at the Museum – Aug. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Father John Dyer Tour –Sept. 14: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Halloween Trick or Treat – Oct. 31.

For more information, call the museum at 719-836-2387, visit its website at www.southparkcity.org or see the Facebook or Instagram pages for dates and times.