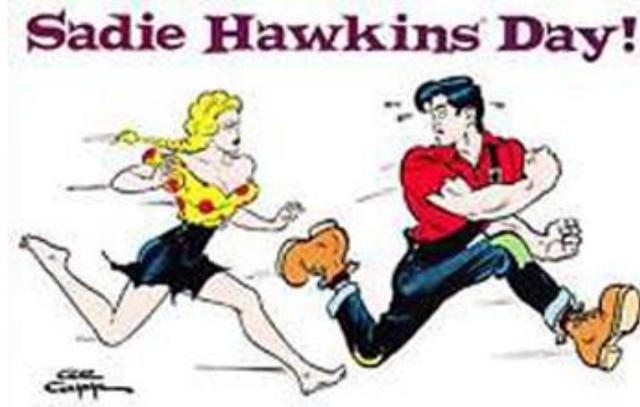


TSDAV presents ~ a HILLBILLY themed Bush Dance



“Sadie Hawkins Day” Hoedown !

~ A Lady's Choice event ! ~

Saturday February 24th 2018

Dress as your favorite Li'l Abner character (with apologies to Al Capp)

Dancin' 8 - 11 pm, followed by supper *

with moosik by Maggie 'Fiddler' & her Chestnut St. Orchestra

at the Ashburton Uniting Church Hall (rear hall)

~ 3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton ~ (Melways 60 D 10)

***** \$15.- cheap / TSDAV members free ! *****

~ please bring some 'supper time' goodies to share ~

More info from 'Pappy Yokum' (aka Norm) 03 9888 5332

<http://www.tsdav.asn.au/events/sadie-hawkins-day-hoedown>

Why Sadie Hawkins ???

Sadie Hawkins Day is an American folk event and pseudo-holiday originated by Al Capp's classic hillbilly comic strip Li'l Abner (1934–1978). This inspired real-world Sadie Hawkins events, the premise of which is that females ask males to, or for, a dance. Similar dances, sometimes called Spinsters' Balls, have spread to Australia. In the U.S., February 29 is often referred to as "Sadie Hawkins Day" signifying a gender role reversal, such as a day when a woman may propose marriage to a man.

See Wikipedia entries for Li'l Abner, Sadie Hawkins Day & Sadie Hawkins Dance.

building upon our successful Hoedown theme: recapture the naive innocence of past times, a la "The Beverly Hillbillies" & Al Capp's "Li'l Abner"
'Sadie Hawkins Day' is Capp's masterfully satirical take on our "Leap Year / 29th Feb." traditions.
So, come and join the fun, & take a trip back in time to DOGPATCH U.S.A. ~ at this 'Ladies Choice' event !

What is Sadie Hawkins' Day ???

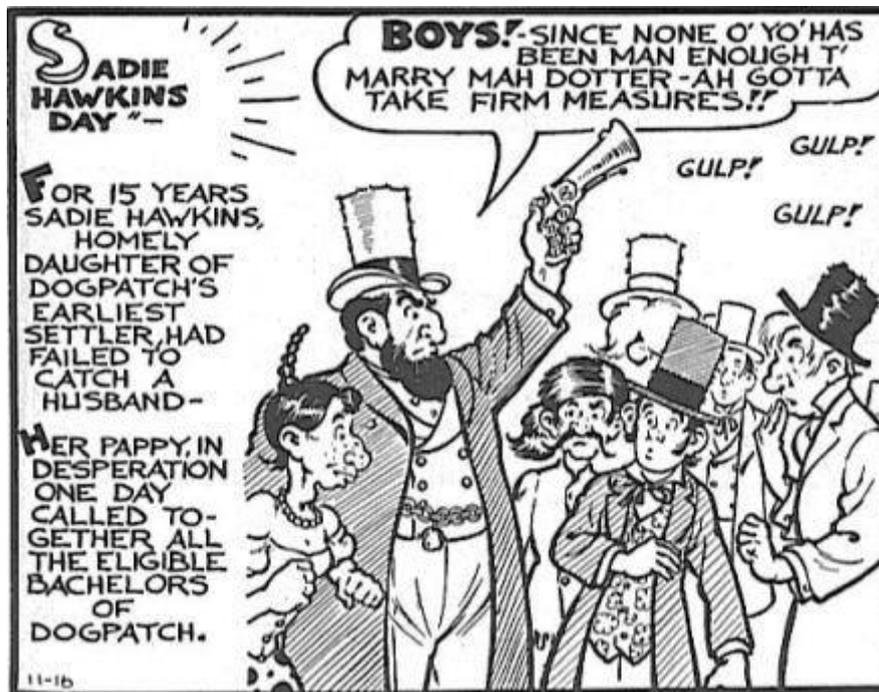
In Al Capp's classic satirical cartoon comic strip "*Li'l Abner*" – Sadie Hawkins was the daughter of one of Dogpatch's earliest settlers, Hekzebiah Hawkins. The "*homeliest gal in all them hills,*" she grew frantic waiting for suitors. When she reached the age of 35, still a spinster, her father was worried about Sadie living at home for the rest of *his* life!

In desperation, he called together all the unmarried men of Dogpatch and declared it "Sadie Hawkins Day". A foot race was decreed, with Sadie pursuing the town's eligible bachelors. With matrimony as the (absurd) consequence of losing the foot race, the bachelors of the town were running for their freedom.

*"When ah fires [my gun], all o' yo' kin start a-runnin!
 When ah fires agin— after givin' yo' a fair start— Sadie starts a runnin'.
 Th' one she ketches'll be her husbin."*

The town spinsters decided that this was a good idea, so they made Sadie Hawkins Day a mandatory yearly event, much to the chagrin of Dogpatch's bachelors. If a woman caught a bachelor and dragged him, kicking and screaming, across the finish line before sundown, by Dogpatch law he *had* to marry her....

but as there are no finish lines at the TSDAV dance, everyone is safe!



Need to know more ??? – see Wikipedia, YouTube: for the Li'l Abner stage show/movie OR <http://animationresources.org/biography-capps-off-lil-abner-without-apologies/> & scroll down to the classic Sadie Hawkins story: 'Loverboynik' – a great spoof of Liberace, swooning fans, music critics, body builders, face transplants, the (shudder!) Scraggs, & of course culminating in the Sadie Hawkins Day Race itself !