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**BUTTE MEADOWS - JONESVILLE  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER**

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December 2009

*When in Doubt* – Check out our web site: **bmjca.com**  
We attempt to keep the site working all the time but power outages/surges continue to throw a wrench into our plans.

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## **Recap of Fall Events**

### **Shouldda been there!!!**

#### **\*Oktoberfest Celebration\***

I am sorry I missed Oktoberfest in Butte Meadows that was hosted by The Mercantile. The event prompted lots of laughs for those who attended as well as for those of us who watched the YouTube video. The video captured the ugly mugs of many of your neighbors & there was one especially good-looking, saucy tart who caught the eye of everyone and gained the title of **Miss Butte Meadows**.

I tried to share my enthusiasm about the event to a non-Butte Meadows/Jonesville person... but the story was boring to him. If you're curious about the event, **and that tart**, go to the YouTube.com website, type in Butte Meadows, and look for the Oktoberfest 2009 video. **It's worth your time.**

### BMJCA

#### **\*Annual Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser\* & Membership Meeting**

It may seem to some that the breakfast may not have been as fun as the Oktoberfest event...YET it was a successful BMJCA fundraiser, a traditional event, well attended and everyone seemed to be having a good time (some folks have fun touring museums, enjoying the food, a good cup of coffee & visiting with neighbors).

This is the first time all the food was inside the fire station and the consensus is the arrangement worked out well. One person found the pancake trailer for the first time ever. **(We hadn't meant to hide Rod and Susan, our "pancakers", for these past years.)**

The BMJCA board members expect to work an abnormal number of hours to make the event happen.... but there are also those "faithful" folks who have helped for years and years.... and some members who helped for the first time. **Thanks to all!** We look forward to working with all of you again next year and we welcome new volunteers.

*Special thanks to the owners of the Outpost and Mercantile for supplying us with eggs after our supply was used up.*

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**Recap of Fall Events - Continued**

**BMJCA -**

**Annual Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser  
&**

**\*Membership Meeting\***

**For those who follow the numbers:**

- we served 414 breakfasts
- the raffle grossed \$1,825
- the silent auction brought in \$496
- the amount received from the sale of T-shirts, mugs, and history books has not been reported
- **At this time it appears the Association had a net profit of nearly \$4,600 for the day.**

**Yahoo!**

BMJCA president, Miranda Morris, provided a **“look back” at 2009** during the general membership meeting (held after the breakfast). **The following is a report summary:**

- the **Butte Meadows Line Shack Museum** is closer to completion (we are still in need of memorabilia),
- a **guard rail was installed on Humboldt Road at Little Summit** between Lomo and Butte Meadows,
- there are now **911 emergency phones in three Butte Meadows-Jonesville locations** (Bambi Inn, Volunteer Fire Station, & Snowmobile Park) ,
- an Activities Committee will offer outings and programs - **ALL are invited and encouraged to participate.**
- Fire Station #10, our volunteer fire station, **received provisions from the Red Cross** which may allow the station to be used as an **emergency evacuation center.**

**Membership & General Business:**

At the general membership meeting Barbara Mann was elected to the BMJCA board starting January 1, 2010. She will replace Barbara Conklin who decided to leave the board when her term expires December 31, 2009 ***but she promises to still be active ...***  
***We APPRECIATE You!***

Also at the membership meeting two members requested the board check into getting better communications service for the community. One person wanted better telephone service (a system that is more reliable and might allow for DSL) and the other person wanted better cell phone service. A recommendation was made to include this for a discussion item at the next BMJCA Board Meeting\*.

**\*Follow-up:**

At the last BMJCA Board Meeting the board discussed the ideas and agrees with the members. A letter has been sent to the Butte County Board of Supervisors requesting assistance in finding a solution to improve the communication service in our area. At this time we do not have a volunteer with specific knowledge about communications systems who has time to do research and make recommendation as to how we can proceed. ***Do any of you (our readers) have that knowledge? Would you volunteer help? Please contact any BMJCA board member.***

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Activities Committee:**

The BMJCA Activities committee was started in 2009 to offer programs and outdoor activities for our community. The committee's goal is to provide education, historical information, and a chance to get to know your neighbors.

Our programs in 2009 included: Cattle drives through Butte Meadows; Flightcare (what we should know); & The Floods of '97. Outdoor activities included: Beginners Bird lesson in Colby Meadows; a walk to the CSUC yurt; & Sunset/Moonrise at Colby Mountain Fire Lookout.

In late January we will start planning for 2010. **If you are interested or want to share some ideas, host a program, etc. please contact;** Betty 345-7205, Cheryl Conery 343-7703, or Miranda Morris 345-0112

**History Committee:**

In May the Cussick-McGann Cemetery was cleaned up, debris removed, and signs repainted. The museum was completed and readied for displays by Labor Day Weekend breakfast. We are accepting any Diamond Match memorabilia. Contact Ren Wakefield or Jim Carroll

**Emergency Preparedness Committee:**

*News from our Volunteer Fire Department*

Tom Neverkovec reported on Nov. 15 that a new volunteer fire fighter has been accepted, Dave Purvis. Toot the horn, we now have three trained fire fighters. Tom also said Kathleen Purvis has been accepted as a medical aide.

The new generator for the fire station has been installed and the shed in which it is housed has nearly been completed.

The Sno-Cat used by Butte County Search and Rescue is scheduled to arrive Dec. 1 and will be housed at the fire station.

**Membership & Nominations Committee:**

**REMINDER** - the BMJCA membership year runs from **January 1 to December 31**. It will soon be time to renew your membership. If you aren't a member, plan to join after January 1 and be a member for a full year. ***The membership form will be sent with the January 2010 BMJCA Newsletter.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Winter Hours of Operation--Outpost, Mercantile, and Bambi Inn**

**Bambi Inn-** Friday- 3:00 til close  
Saturday 11:00 til close  
Sunday- 11:00 til 6:00

**Butte Meadows Mercantile-** Closed all day Wed and Thursday until 3:00  
Open other days from 10:00 til at least 6:00

**Outpost-** Friday 12:00 til close  
Saturday 9:00 til close  
Sunday 9:00 til close



**Outdoor Residential Burning**



It's ok to burn at anytime of the day EXCEPT it must be a "burn day" according to Butte County's Air Quality Management office. That office can be called at 896-2537. There are not any hour restrictions on outdoor residential burning at this time, so get your yard cleaned up now.



**BMJCA Gift Ideas**

If you're at a loss for a Christmas gift idea, remember that BMJCA has the history book, A Small Corner of the West, for sale. Also for sale are mugs and T-shirts. If you would like to make a purchase, contact Ren Wakefield.



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**Breakfast Thank You**

***We are grateful for everyone who helped to make the BMJCA Omelet Breakfast Fund-raiser a huge success. Thank you for your hard work and support:***

Workers: Bob Aisthorpe, Tom Arcoleo, Gloria and Harold Bickley, P J Brock, Craig Callen, Jim and Annette Carroll, Diane Clark, Charlie and Carolyn Clayton, Barbara and Jim Conklin, Jim and Cheryl Conery, Michael Cooper, Le Moyne Darnell, Roy Ellis, Christine Erlandson, Bill Ginno, Dennis Goslin, Jacque and Clint Goss, Katy and Gary Hildenbrand, Larry Hildenbrand, Maggie Hill, Sally and Jere Jacobs, Bill and Stacy Kelso, Norm Larson, Garth and Susan Laughridge, John Loyless, Bruce and Sue Miller, Steve Miller, Dave Minton, Miranda and Jim Morris, Maggie and Joe Navarro, Amanda Oeser, Craig and Julie Oeser, Melissa Oeser, Jim Panek, Barbara Poetker, Craig and Milly Pollock, Bill Prichard, Liz Prichard, Eleanor Rees, John Schwagart, Ann Smith, Cecil Thompson, Stu and Sally Thompson, Chrys and Liz Van Eckhardt, Betty Volker, Ren and Connie Wakefield, Alice Zeissler.

NOTE: We intended to include the names of every volunteer. If your name is missing from the thank you list please contact Steve Miller.

***And a special thank you to those who made donations for the event:***

The Outpost, Bambi Inn, Mountain Mercantile, Alpine Window, Tom Arcoleo (Peet's Coffee), Jud and Judy Carter (Bell-Carter Olives), Cleanrite, Wayne and Carol Cook (Hotel Diamond), Ellis Engineering, Larry Hildenbrand, Syl Lucena (Collier Hardware), Foothill Outfitters, Lavender Blue, 5th Street SteakHouse, Glende Polaris, Maesie Jane Gifts, Miller Glass, Jim Morris (J & M Boots), Rod and Susan Pool, Pro Pacific Fresh, Reliance Propane, Silver Dollar Speedway, Sunchasers, Tackle Box, Wittmeier Auto, Ed Ziegler & the Butte Meadows Arts & Craft Group (Carol Triolo, Betty Volker, John Loyless & Jim Conery)



Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.  
Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.  
The winds will blow their own freshness into you...  
while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

John Muir

***May you have a Happy Holiday and a Joyous New Year***