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The Effie Cafe Welcomes You

by Linda Pigman, Effie Express

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, Kathy and Willie Powell, and staff welcome you to the area and to the Effie Cafe, where you are treated to a very friendly, small town atmosphere.

The Effie Cafe offers a wide selection of the finest "Home Cooked" meals in the area. Whether you are ordering one of the fine breakfasts, burgers, sandwiches, dinners, or maybe one of the Heart Smart selections, rest assured, it will be prepared to your liking.

The Effie Cafe also features:

- Soft Serve or Dipping Ice Cream

- Broasted Chicken, by the bucket or dinner

- Every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm, Hot Beef Sandwiches

- Every Thursday from 11am to 2pm, Hot Pork Sandwiches

Watch the Northome Record and Jack Pine Lynn's Record Gazette for all the Weekly Specials. Enjoy Sunday Dinners, just like Grandma used to fix, topped off with a desert.

The Effie Cafe is open every day, all year long, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Once again, Kathy and Willie welcome and thank you for dining at the Effie Cafe, the North end of the Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway.

Fun in Effie

by Paul Kocian

Interview with Dave Patrow

Entertainment was scarce during the '30's and '40's in Effie. Everybody worked so much, there weren't many to entertain. When people did have the time to relax, there was some entertainment, other than drinking and the woman at the "joints," something that was a bit more morally acceptable.



A fair came to Effie every year with horse racing, games, and lots of fun. There was also a dance hall in Effie that held dances every Saturday night. In the summer, there were baseball teams the men in the area would play on. They would travel to surrounding towns to play games.

For a few years in the 30's, there was a yearly boxing exhibition put together by a man named Jim Knight. He would round up some interested men from the area and get them in the ring for a bout. The exceptionally good ones were brought down to Duluth for a shot at some tougher competition, even though most of them got whipped pretty good.

North Star Stampede Comes to Effie the Last Weekend of July

by Howard Pitzen

Residents of the Big Fork Valley are gearing up for the North Star Stampede as the last weekend of July approaches. The North Star Stampede is Minnesota's largest and oldest open Rodeo and is held on its original site on the North Star Ranch two miles north of Effie. The North Star Stampede was started in 1956 and this will be the Forty-seventh Annual affair at the ranch and a lot of rodeo history has taken place in the rodeo arena. Contestants from throughout the United

States and Canada have competed at the Stampede in years past and well over 100 contestants are expected to enter again this year.

Effie is an open rodeo which means entries are not restricted to any organization or association. Contestants from the two national associations and a number of regional associations have competed here as well as working ranch cowboys who do not belong to any association. A number of cowboys have stated, "If I were restricted to one rodeo a year, it would be Effie. The Stampede is a cowboys rodeo."

The Bucking Stock is in top condition according to Howard Pitzen of the North Star Rodeo Company. "We have a number of new broncs and bulls in the herd again this year as usual. We are always in the market for a good bucking horse or bull." Howard has attended a number of bucking stock auctions throughout the United States including the World Famous Bucking Horse Sale at Miles City Montana each year.

"But bucking horses can come from anywhere," said Howard. "We have bought some famous broncs at Miles City such as Fever Reliever and White Eye, but we have also bought horses right here in Minnesota that went on to fame if not to fortune.

"One such horse we purchased

in the Kelliher area. The old pony just refused to be broken out and we ended up with it. We called him Kid Curry and he went to the United Rodeo Association Finals in Topeka, Kansas last year. He was voted runner up for the best Bare Back Bronc of the Finals. At this time, we have about forty-five broncs and fifty-six bulls out in the big pasture ready to do their thing."

Clowning the Stampede this year will be "Turk" Cooper of Lorimar, Iowa. Turk clowning rodeos throughout the Upper Mid-west and Canada for a number of years, retiring in 1985. However, Turk says he can't stand being away from the World of Rodeo and is coming back into the Circuit. "Besides," he said, "There is a saying on the Rodeo Circuit that you haven't rodeoed 'til you've rodeoed at Effie! I am happy that I can add this prestigious Rodeo to my list of achievements." Turk will be bringing his acts and funny man routine to entertain the spectators as well as work the barrel during the Bull Riding. Doing the bull fighting and cowboy saving will be Rick Guse of Chaparral, New Mexico.

Dates of this year's Stampede are July 26, 27, and 28 with the Friday performance at 5pm and Saturday and Sundays at 2pm. Friday night is family night with a full program, along with some events for the kids. Admissions are reduced for Friday evening only. Saturday evening at 7:30pm will be the Rodeo Parade in downtown Effie. Other entertainment is also available. Parking and camping at the rodeo grounds is free to riders and spectators but campers are advised to bring their own drinking water as there is no deep well on the grounds.