

Yes, Alice, It Is a Wonderland...



The Neighborhood Players and The Brass Rail present a production of *Alice in Wonderland* to delight audiences of all ages. The Neighborhood Players children's theatre group has taken their well received touring version of *Alice*, added lights, a set, a croquet game and the Queen of Hearts and has come up with a wonderful mixture of fun, high energy and imagination. Working with the three original members of the group (Bonnie Cohn, Don Scorby & Janet Steiger) will be John Duncan as the King of Hearts, Stephanie Baskin as the infamous Queen of Hearts, special guests Jessie, Shanna, Laila and Karen from the Youth Academy, and Jim Bradford in the guise of Randolph Ragtime, the stage manager.

In conjunction with the opening of the show on July 31, some local merchants and the Eugene Public Library are lending their support to the **First Annual Unofficial Lewis Carroll-Alice in Wonderland Week** starting July 24-30. During this week, coloring pages will be made available at various locations; when colored these pages are good for a

25¢ discount off the \$2.25 admission price for kids 5 to 13. Quantities of posters are limited so be sure to pick yours up early.

The First Annual Unofficial Lewis Carroll-Alice in Wonderland Week features:

July 23 at noon—Characters from *Alice* on parade at the Saturday Market (weather permitting).

July 23-30—Coloring pages available at Gandalf's Den, Jabberwocky Cards & Gifts, The House that Jack Built, and the Caddis Fly Angling Shop.

July 30—Scenes from *Alice* at the River Road Park Outdoor Faire.

July 31—Opening of *Alice in Wonderland* at the Brass Rail, 453 Willamette, at 1 and 4 pm. (Adults accompanied by 3 or more kids get in FREE!)

For more information or tickets, call 342-2298; Neighborhood Touring, 344-7331; or Youth Academy, 688-4270.

A note about Lewis Carroll... Lewis Carroll, born Charles Ludwidge Dodgson on Jan. 27, 1832, was by profession a mathematics teacher and by choice a magician and spinner of

"nonsense" tales. A few of Dodgson's more notable achievements include the invention of the peg board style traveling chess set and doubled sided tape; yet what he is best remembered for is the writing of a book based on a character patterned after his seven-year-old math student Alice Liddell. The character of course is Alice from the classic *Alice in Wonderland* written under the pen name Lewis Carroll.

Never intended for publication, Alice's adventures started with tales told during outings the tutor Dodgson would take with his young students. These tales evolved into being not merely "nonsense" stories but examples of the misplaced logic and pedantic ways of thinking to which little Alice Liddell was herself prone.

The Lewis Carroll-Alice in Wonderland Week is a celebration of the displaced child in all of us—the child that the author Carroll tried to free through his infinitely logical tale of "nonsense." And to this day it is still our own nonsense that makes Mr. Carroll's tale make sense.

Everybody's Business

The Excelsior Charcuterie is Eugene's newest delicatessen, specializing in "food to go." Located in the northeast corner of the Eugene Hotel Building at 901 Pearl Street, the corporate firm is managed by Stephanie Pearl, also manager of the Excelsior Restaurant in East Eugene near the University of Oregon campus.

The interior design of the Charcuterie is as attractive as the food and beverage offerings of the firm which has been in operation for nearly one month.

The deli is open Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 6:30 pm and orders may be placed ahead by telephone (342-3110). This, of course, applies mostly to large orders of catering, as smaller orders can be placed on a walk-in basis.

Specialties of the house include sandwiches, salads, pastries, and various combination box lunches, which vary in size from \$4.40 for a chicken tarragon salad with toasted almonds, and sevice (red snapper marinated in lime juice) to \$5.95 for a roast beef sandwich on a french bread roll, potato salad, marinated mushrooms with cracked coriander, fresh fruit, and a chocolate truffle.

The deli also features specially prepared meats, cheeses (over 40 varieties), an assortment of breads, pastries and confections, specialty grocery items, and various bottles of wine and beer.

The Charcuterie also offers an easy-to-read and complete menu describing food and beverage items and other services. The menu, by the way, explains the firm's name, reporting the word *charcuterie* is from the French language and indicates a "take-out food store that specializes in prepared entrees, creative salads, pates, sausages, cheeses, wines, specialty grocery items, fresh breads, and pastries."

On the subject of delicatessens in Eugene... the **Fifth-Pearl Deli**, located in the Fifth-Pearl building at Fifth Avenue and Pearl near the Public Market in downtown Eugene, probably has one of the largest sandwich menus on record anywhere. There, they can make for you any one of 51 different sandwiches ranging from spectacular hot dogs to intricate meat and "veggie" presentations. Chef Henrie also has on tap favorite wines and beverages to go along with his spectacular menu which spells out all his various combinations suitable for breakfast, lunch or dinner. In addition, Henry will also cater and provide special services for his deli patrons.

Shirley Whitehead has moved her **Sak's Thrift Avenue** from the Overpark in downtown Eugene to a location in West 8th Avenue. If you drive west on 8th Avenue, just past Lincoln Street, you're likely to see a manikin (woman-i-kin) on the left hand side of the one-way street. Many persons have thought the "manikin" was actually Shirley in a bikini, but it wasn't. The manikin, however, is a real attention-grabber and points towards Shirley's new store which features used sports and camping equipment including scuba gear, bikes, running outfits (you name it). The address, 348 W. 8th Ave.

Shirley says she plans to sell this store at a later date and concentrate on merchandising consignment stock at other locations. **Sak's Thrift Avenue** should have no name mix-up now, either, because it is (or would be) Sak's "Eighth" Avenue. Phone is 345-4537.

—Jack Craig

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