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## “Aunt Molly... We Love Her!”

July, 1964 a telegram “Aunt Molly... gone- Greer will never be the same”, brought sadness to so many around the country who shared in the creation of a legacy by Aunt Molly Butler. Mary Ann Wiltbank was born August 21, 1877 in St. George, Utah to E.W. and Hannah Mary Wiltbank. At the age of six, one could “see the mettle in thee”- When the wagon reached the Hog’s Back at Lee’s Ferry on a return to Utah the route was so hazardous that her father had her drive the team while the men weighted the wagon. Later in life, Molly was recognized as an expert team stress handling up to six head of horses and a wagon. She made frequent trips to Fort Apache to sell the butter and cheese produced from her MLY cows. Life in the Valley made “Aunt Molly” the stuff of which stores are written- hardy, independents and self-reliant with abounding faith in herself and an impeccable enthusiasm for life that oozed in, so inconspicuously, to the spirit of others. Molly and her family moved in to the Lee Valley of Greer as we know it today in the late 1880’s. Her father built the first valley sawmill near the historic site of Butler’s Lodge and there milled lumber for Molly’s home which later became the kitchen and dining room of the lodge and the first valley school house- social house combined. During those early years, Aunt Molly and Uncle John served many guests and friends who came to Greer to enjoy the restful beauty of the valley and her beautiful cooking of home grown foods at no charge.

Finally, at the insistence of Molly’s daughter, Hannah Crosby Kimball, Aunt Molly began to charge 25 cents for meals and lodging.

In those early years before WWI the guest list of Butler’s Lodge includes adventurous enthusiasts such as Zane Grey, Stewart Edward, James Willard Schultz, Lew Wallace and Herbert Hoover.

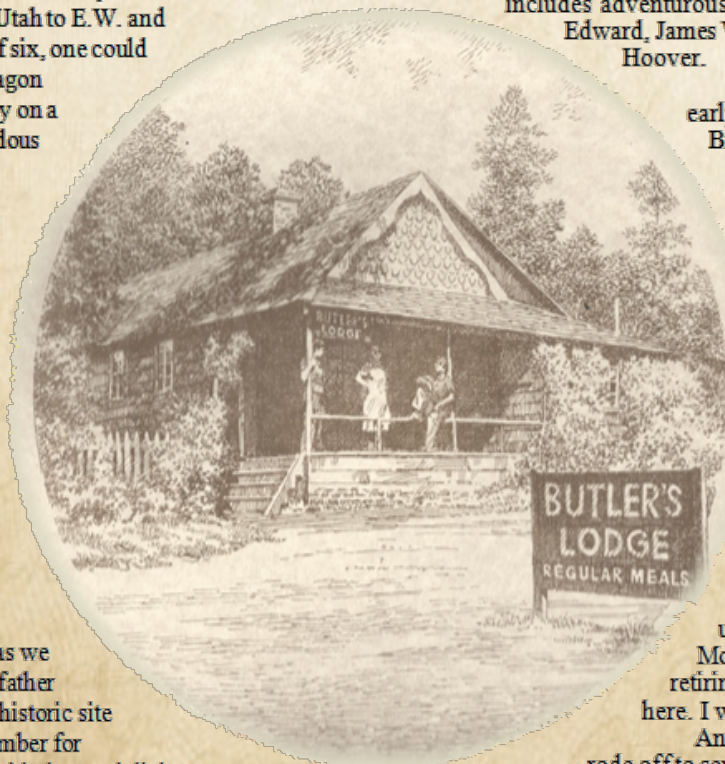
One of her keenest memories was of early outlaw days when the notorious Smith Brothers, some of the country’s meanest desperados, rode the trails in and out of the virgin wilderness. She told of the night at her place when she and the children slept upstairs while the Smith’s slept downstairs with their guns on.

For some 64 years Molly treated casual passers-by to the beauties and dynamics of mountain living. She shared her knowledge and love of the intricacies of the land, Mother Nature, wildlife and livestock. She and Uncle John were founding members

of Arizona’s early Game Protective Association. Her generosity was unlimited and her ambition endless. As Molly in her later years was asked about retiring, she affirmatively replied, “I’ll just stay here. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

And so it was, that one July 23<sup>rd</sup> when Molly rode off to serve- as the head cook at the last roundup that telegram came, “Aunt Molly gone- We loved her. Greer will never be the same,” Signed Judge and Mrs. Faires.

By Wink Crigler, Molly’s granddaughter, 2003





# Molly's Lunch

## FAVORITES

### Molly's Wings

dozen 15 | half dozen 10

*Buffalo, BBQ, Teriyaki or Spicy Thai*

### Molly's Hot Dang Chili\*

cup 7 | bowl 11

Make it loaded +3.00

### Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad 15

### Asian Chopped Salad 15

*Grilled chicken breast with mandarin oranges, bell peppers, almonds, scallions, cilantro and fried wonton crisps served with our ginger sesame dressing*

### Baja Chicken Salad 16

*Grilled chicken breast with avocado, corn and black bean relish, cheddar jack cheese, fresh cilantro, bell peppers, and greens topped with tortilla strips and served with baja ranch*

### Strawberries & Romaine 16

*Fresh berries and crisp romaine lettuce, grilled chicken breast, toasted almonds, gorgonzola cheese, served with a champagne vinaigrette*

### Beer Battered Cod 'N' Chips 14

### Chicken Strips 'N' Chips 12

### ½ Sandwich of the Day 10

*With your choice of a cup of soup or house salad*

Sub our *Hot Dang Chili* +4.00

## CLASSICS

### Sirloin Burger 12

*Gold Canyon Angus Beef charbroiled with your choice of side*

**Add-on:** choice of cheese | mushrooms | green chile | bacon \$2 each

### The 'Wink' Burger\*

Locally ranged black angus beef from X Diamond Ranch 20

### Molly's Famous Prime Rib Dip\* 16

*Add your choice of cheese +2.00*

### Grilled Reuben Sandwich 15

### Southwest Turkey Melt 13

*Roasted green chili and pepper jack cheese on grilled sourdough*

### Crispy Chicken Sandwich 12

*Buffalo style add +2.00*

Available side dishes: cottage fries, coleslaw or fruit

*Substitute sweet potato fries or onion rings +2.00*

*Please ask your server about our fabulous daily specials.*

*Save room for our famous Mud Pie and other homemade desserts!*

\* Served Upon Availability

\*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase the risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.