

Beatty Museum and Historical Society News

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Message from the President....

CLAUDIA REIDHEAD

Hi again! I hope you had a great Memorial Day holiday. Congratulations to the June graduates. These young folks are on my mind right now as my granddaughter Sufa just graduated from Bonanza High with Honors and I'm really doing the proud grandma thing as my feet haven't touched the ground for days. With the unseasonably hot weather we have been having, tourism has dropped off as we only had six visitors to our exhibit this month. Kim Hickenbotham has been a Godsend in helping out for the past two months with the exhibit as Mary and Gloria have been gone. Thanks Kim. Our deepest sympathies to Bev Coffee on the loss of her daughter. You have friends thinking about you. Congratulations to Ruthianna Green on the birth of her 6lb 4oz son Beatty Jason Green on June 3rd, 9:56am. Ruthianna is scheduled for heart surgery and our prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery. Andy Gudas is busy working on placing names and businesses on the lots in the plat map of Rhyolite. Good luck Andy, you're doing a great job. Another thanks to Andy as he is one of the volunteers that supervises Dustin's community service time at Rhyolite. Others helping Dustin serve his hours have been Gloria, Vonnie, Jeff and myself. Larry has been our man in court when we couldn't make it and all of these people deserve a thank you from all of us. I believe that it has helped Dustin understand what he really has done and he is trying to make amends. I know that he does show interest in the town of Rhyolite and its history now. We sure could use a couple more volunteers to help him finish out his hours. Welcome home to all of our wandering members. Mary is home from Alabama, Gloria is back from Georgia and Pastor Jeff is home from Israel. As always, thanks to Bill and Zettia for all they do for us in the printing of our newsletters and for their letter to the Nye County Commissioners. All the letters and the packed hearing chamber (that ran into the hall) are what saved the Central Nevada Museum. For those of you who I didn't contact and have no idea what I'm talking about, the County Commissioners tried to

close the Tonopah Museum and I only had three days from the time I received the notice to reach as many as I could. All letters had to be in by June 1st to stop closure by July 1st. Thankfully Bill Metscher had all the friends he needed to get the job done. Any who have visited the museum in Tonopah know that it is one of the best in Nevada and we can only hope to be as good one day. I'm sure by this time you're tired of listening to me, so bye for this time and have a great summer.

"RIBITS" from the editor.....Bullfrog Billy

Welcome to another edition of *BMHS* news. Our history section features "The Bullfrog Red Oak Mining Co." and another segment of "Who's Who in Nevada" is featured. Sounds like a normal issue. Well, who amongst us likes everything normal? Therefore, we added a couple of special pages this issue. First, we have a full page salute to two of our members, Clint and Ellen Boehringer, and we have a full page advertisement for our 2nd annual "Picnic in the Park." The "Picnic" page was designed by our recent addition to the newsletter staff, graphic arts designer Mike Feuerstein of Lakewood, California. Mike is now a member of *BMHS* and we are delighted to have his talent available. You'll see more of his work in upcoming issues. Some of you received your renewal notices with the last issue and some will receive renewal notices this time. OF COURSE you know exactly what to do and how fast to do it. I am thrilled with the news that the Central Nevada Museum will remain open and as Claudia mentioned in her column, the letters and large turnout at the Commissioners meeting got the job done. It's called teamwork, something that *BMHS* has and the main reason we continue to grow. Zettia and I are looking forward to our next visit to Beatty, August 16-18. I know you'll order up a nice batch of weather for us. Who knows, maybe I'll bring a couple of spares from my collection for the "Picnic in the Park" auction and we can get an old fashioned bidding war started. I hope to see all of you August 17th at the park and don't be bashful, just say...."RIBIT-RIBIT"

BMHS Proudly Salutes



(photo courtesy of Patrice Junius)

Clint & Ellen Boehringer

Clint & Ellen Boehringer are pictured with Bureau of Land Management Acting Director Mike Dombeck and Assistant Secretary Sylvia Baca at the Bureau's "Making a Difference" awards ceremony April 25, 1996 at The Great Hall of the Charles Sumner House Museum located at 1201 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. The Bureau of Land Management recognized 10 volunteers for their dedication to America's public lands during the ceremony. "Volunteers play a vital role in helping the BLM accomplish its mission of ensuring the health and productivity of the public lands," said Dombeck. Clint & Ellen were honored for having served as hosts for the ghost town of Rhyolite, Nevada from October through March for the past four years. During each five month season, the Boehringers delight many thousands of tourists who visit the Nevada gold mining town. Altogether, they have contributed over 2,400 hours of labor by interpreting the town's history, telling stories about the town to visitors, conducting tours and demonstrations, painting street signs for the town and keeping a close eye on protecting the town. Each year Ellen makes Christmas wreaths to hang on the various structures in town and also decorates a Rhyolite Christmas tree (creosote bush) to bring a special holiday spirit to the town. Clint & Ellen are the perfect hosts that makes a visit to Rhyolite extra special. They welcome everyone with a friendly smile and if you haven't had the pleasure of meeting them, be sure to stop by the Bottle House in Rhyolite during your next visit between October and March and find out why every member of BMHS is so very proud of the great job they do and why we all say "CONGRATULATIONS" on a richly deserved award.

Bullfrog Mining District History



(certificate courtesy of Bullfrog Billy)

The Bullfrog Red Oak

By Claudia Reidhead

This mine was located December 23, 1904, by George Staman. The location notice reads: "This is to certify that a mining claim named the Red Oak Quartz claim was located by George Staman on the 23rd day of December 1904, situated in the Bullfrog Mining District, Nye County, State of Nevada, and about 2 1/2 miles North Westerly from the town of Beatty and about 2 1/2 miles North Easterly from Ladd Mountain, is bounded on the North by the Lilly Langtry claim, on the South by the Red Oak Fraction, and on the West by the Lucky Jack." This claim was recorded March 9, 1905 by Mr. Staman. It is on Montgomery Mountain near the Montgomery Shoshone mine. An article from "The Beatty Bullfrog Miner" July 29, 1905 reads: The Bullfrog Red Oak Mining Co. has a shaft down about 24 feet at a point 2000 N. East of the Montgomery Shoshone. They are just starting a tunnel to cut across the claim. The home office is in Los Angeles, and John W. Towle of Beatty has charge of the work. They are figuring on catching the Montgomery Shoshone vein which strikes North East and South West and if it continues on this strike, would go directly through their property. They adjoin the Lucky Jack which is on high ground and has a shaft down about 60 feet.

From the same paper, August 26, 1905: An assay of \$6.20 has been obtained in detached chunks of quartz in a talc line at about 45 foot depth on the Red Oak. The best previous assay was \$2.00 in the same character of rock near the surface. They are sinking in hopes of tapping the extension of the Montgomery Shoshone vein. At 50 feet they will cross cut 25 feet each way and if nothing develops they will continue to go down.

The Red Oak, like many of the other claims on Montgomery Mountain became a part of the Montgomery Mountain Mining Company in the middle teens. This Co-op lasted until the mid forties keeping a mine manager here, who was the only person on payroll. He did all the assessment work and worked the various claims for the Co-op just barely making his own wages from them. These claims were also sold to Barric Mines when they bought the Montgomery Shoshone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jane Reidhead - July 4 Mary Revert - July 8
Richard Ahearn - July 12 Boyd Reidhead - July 21
Lynn Vance - July 21 Midge Ondes - July 28
Karen Bohmer - Aug 4 Ellen Boehringer - Aug 19
Linda White - Aug 24 Jane Cottonwood - Aug 30

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Virginia Goodson, Beatty, Nevada - 2 boxes 1940's records and a record player.

Bill & Zettia Miller, Long Beach, California - Book "The Nevada Sixteen National Banks and Their Mining Camps" by Melvin Owen Warns.

Jonnalee Robie, Gardnerville, Nevada - \$5.00

B.M.H.S Meetings

July 29 - 7 pm - Beatty Community Center

August 26 - 7pm - Beatty Community Center

CLAUDIA SPEAKS OUT!

Dear Members: Please forgive me for writing a second column in the same newsletter, but I truly feel that I should speak out on a couple of items that I feel very serious about. First, about the two young men that desecrated the cemetery in Rhyolite. One of them is trying to do his duty, to pay off his fine and get in his hours and believe me, a hundred hours is a lot of time to have to do when you can only do it under supervision of volunteers who have their own schedule and very little time to help you out, and the only way you can serve your time is if somebody else is willing to put themselves

out on your behalf. The feelings of shame and embarrassment, knowing that a foolish and cruel act on your part has put somebody out or messed up their plans, has to be very intense. It is only intensified by seeing another one of the people involved seemingly get away without punishment. However, I have watched this young man as he has done his time, change for the better. He is starting to take pride in the fact that he is doing the right thing and to understand that paying for your errors is the best way, for when he has completed his time he will be able to walk the streets in pride knowing that no one else covered for him, nor did he ask for leniency. He is trying to pay his debt. The second young man has shown his disrespect for the court by being late, failing to keep his agreement with the court and asking for leniency. My hope for this one is that someday he will grow half as much as the first young man. My second topic is simply, that politics make strange bedfellows. By forcing the Central Nevada Museum to near closure, the County Commissioners have alienated a lot of the tourist population that come through our county, and if they would have closed this wonderful museum, after putting in the Mine park in Tonopah, they would have lost a good portion of the voting public here in Nye County. I feel that it is wrong to play politics with something as important as the museum, a place of history and learning almost as dear as a school to the education of the young and the not so young. A place where the curious or adventurous can go to see where we have been and where we are going. A place where a tourist can go to learn about the area, or a new citizen can go to learn about his/her new home. A place where a child's imagination can be kindled by learning new and old ways and can learn to think for itself and to take it ten steps further.

WHO'S WHO IN NEVADA

by
Bessie Beatty
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Curtis Mann

Water, water, water! has always been the cry of the trail blazer of the desert, and water has played an important part in many a desert fight. When a little handful of men were trying to establish the town of Rhyolite as a rival of Bullfrog in the Bullfrog District, one of the chief obstacles they had to overcome was the lack of water. Curtis Mann realized that the town which should first be able to provide its people with water in abundance would be the town that would win the fight. With this end in view he promoted the Indian Springs Water Company, and in ninety days after the first paper was signed, four miles of pipe line had been laid, a pumping plant erected, and water was there for all comers. Curtis Mann is a splendid representative of the best type of Western man. He was born in Wisconsin and received his education at St. John's Military School, where he studied civil and mining engineering, but most of his life has been spent in the West. He has mined in various parts of Colorado and became interested in a lease on the Combination Fraction in Goldfield before he ever saw Nevada. It was to investigate this lease that he came to the sagebrush state. He is the kind of man who never lets a good opportunity pass, and hearing that houses were much in demand in Goldfield, he sent out two carloads of house tents. The same week lumber arrived in Goldfield, and when he tried to dispose of his tents he was met with "I want a house." He had never built a house in his life, but he made a beginning, bought all the lumber that was to be had, employed fifteen carpenters and put up fifteen of the first houses in camp. He went into the Bullfrog District with the vanguard, built the first frame office building in camp, and this he occupies today. He has brought as much outside capital into the camp as any other man. When he first arrived in Rhyolite he bought many prospects, taking a chance on anything offered to him at a reasonable sum. Many of these he has developed without finding anything, but all the money has been spent in legitimate mining--it has been put into the ground. He is among the first on the ground in every mining rush in the southern part of the State, always looking for the prospect which will some day make a great mine. He has the confidence of capitalists in various parts of the country, and all of them are ready to go into the thing which he considers the right one. Since he first went to Bullfrog he has kept two prospectors in the field most of the time, and one of them broke samples from the ground which is now the property of the famous Skidoo mine owned by Bob Montgomery. The samples were taken from a point within a few feet of the outcroppings which later led to the discovery of the mine. Energetic and full of ambition, Curtis Mann is one of the men who will go ahead in spite of all obstacles.

BEATTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

April 29, 1996 - 7:15 PM - Meeting called to order by President Claudia Reidhead after a pre-meeting look at some laser photos of the area.

Attendance: Claudia Reidhead, Gloria Shearer, Andy Gudas, Vonnie & Larry Gray, Jane Cottonwood, Jeff Taguchi.

Treasurers Report: \$2979.36

Old Business: Rhyolite Cemetery-Larry Gray presented information regarding the Community Service hours for Dustin Hayes, who received 100 hours of service to be performed in Rhyolite. Anthony Robles will be paying \$1000.00 which will be donated to *BMHS* which was the organization represented at the hearing and court trial. Hours were divided up among members to supervise Dustin Hayes. We will come up with the work to be done such as trash clean up and sign painting. His hours have to be completed in 4-5 months. We currently have 83 hours set. If any other members can help out please contact Claudia who will contact BLM and Friends of Rhyolite to see the type of help they can give. Thanks to Larry Gray who spent several hours in court representing *BMHS*.

New Business: Friends of Rhyolite / Rhyolite Festival: Kari Coughlin resigned. Linda Green, Robin McMullin and Andy Gudas are reorganizing. They need to write by-laws and at this time they are focusing on reaching this goal. Members of *BMHS* told Andy Gudas that we would be more than willing to help with the Rhyolite Festival. Festival will be tabled for now. Railroad Days: We have decided to have a Railroad Days June 7-8, 1997. It was discussed that we needed to keep control and be well planned. We need to use and encourage all business organizations to help in promoting this adventure. The next meeting will begin focusing on the different responsibilities. Even if you live out of the area, please feel free to help with ideas or man power that weekend. A letter will be composed by either Vonnie or Claudia to send to organizations and businesses.

Motion to adjourn by Vonnie-2nd Andy. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

May 27, 1996 -7:25 PM-Meeting called to order by President Claudia Reidhead after a pre-meeting sharing of photos from Ert Moore.

Attendance: Ralph & Chloe Lisle, Bev Coffee, Claudia Reidhead, Vonnie Gray, Jane Cottonwood.

Treasurers Report: Beginning Balance - \$3004.36 - Expenses - \$450.75 - Closing Balance - \$2553.61

Old Business: Thank you to Kim Hickenbotham for helping in the museum. July 4, 1996 parade: Float will have an ore bucket and Frog with riders on the float in costume. Revert Enterprises are letting us use one of their flat beds. Lisles volunteered the use of their forklift. Claudia volunteered the use of her ore bucket. Jane told us to ask Dolly to save the gold foil paper scraps for decorating the float. Note: We can always use workers and riders. August 17th, Picnic and Auction in the Park: Accepting donations for the auction. Food Plan: Jane will provide ham and ask the casinos to donate also. Bev - Salads (she'll check with the Senior Center about making a few salads), Vonnie - Rolls and Butter, Taguchi's - Baked Beans, Andy - Chips and Relishes, Mary - Cake. We need about 10 cakes and pies for the auction.

New Business: June 7-8 1997 Railroad Days: Some ideas were passed around, but nothing definitive yet. Vonnie will contact railroad groups in Las Vegas, Reno and Carson City. Claudia said that the Lions will be willing to help with railroad days. Next meeting will be starting the advertising plans, activities, games and foods.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM. Note to our out of town members: We are so pleased that you have taken an interest in our small town and its surrounding history. We appreciate any and all communications. Thank You.

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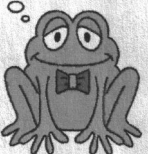
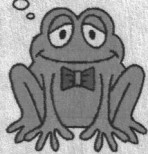
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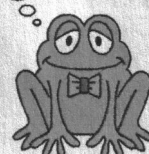
PICNIC IN THE PARK

KIDS GAMES
4 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

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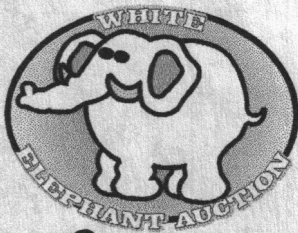
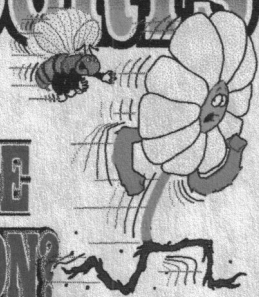


FOOD
6 P.M.



WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
6:30 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

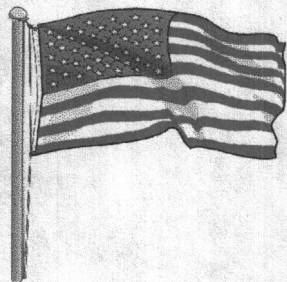
DANCING AT TENNIS COURTS
8:00 P.M. TO?



DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DONATE
FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION?

AUG 17TH AT BEATTY PARK 4 P.M.

COMING EVENTS IN BEATTY, NEVADA



**4th OF JULY PARADE 11 a.m.
COME SEE OUR FLOAT AND MEET
BULLY BULLFROG
MAIN STREET, BEATTY, NEVADA**

**AUGUST 17, 1996 4p.m.
2ND ANNUAL "PICNIC IN THE PARK"**

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