



## NEWSLETTER FOR SUMMER 2005, JUNE 1

New Years Eve 1929: Albert Revert and his son Arthur arrived in the Oasis Valley, they were looking for a place to start over, first the fires that had destroyed their lumber mills in Verdi and Reno, had hit them hard, not covered by insurance, the capital loss was devastating, then before they could recover completely from that, the Wall Street Crash happened, putting the finishing touch to all of Albert's hard work.

Mrs. Revert had remained behind in Oakland, as she was ill and her Doctor was there. She was to join them as soon as she felt well enough to travel.

Albert had purchased the Shirk Estate which included the old Beatty Ranch and three hundred acres around the springs, The Amargosa Land and Cattle Co. (better known as Palmers Store). Renaming it Reverts Mercantile, the large metal building (shaped somewhat like a quonset hut that the military uses today), was soon filled with the necessary things for survival in the modern West.

The store carried everything from buttons, and thread to dynamite and blasting caps. Including

canned goods, and fresh meat and potatoes, even coal.

They also opened the Standard Oil Station across the street, where they built up a brisk trade in gasoline, tire and oil products, including stove oil.

Through hard work and thrift the family prospered, always living by "Dad" Revert's philosophy. Help your neighbors when you can, work hard, help your community to grow and thrive.

His sons, Arthur, Norman, and Robert did so, helping the town to grow, and the County and State to grow also. Three members of the family have served in both State and County government, Bob became Nye County Deputy here, serving over twenty years as the only Deputy South of Tonopah and North of Mercury.

The descendants of Albert that remain in this Valley are the son of Art, Bobby and Mary and their children and grandchildren.

There are no monuments in the park, nor are there any great local buildings named for them, but this town is truly richer, in the best ways for having them here.

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## Springdale, Nevada

Springdale, a ranch just ten miles North of Beatty on Highway 95, has a colorful history of it's own, and like all of the old mining camps most of its wonderful stories have gone away, and what is left are just the bare bones to glean a bit of knowledge from.

In 1904 & 05 Springdale, was a good freshwater spring about 10 miles North of Beatty, It was a small scattered community of a couple of truck farms and some beef cattle brought in to help supply the miners with food and milk.

In 1906 & 07 it was marked as a water stop for the Bullfrog and Goldfield Railroad, although that didn't happen until late 1907 when the water supply tanks for the railroad were brought in. The small community began to grow, becoming a stop for the train, a delivery point for the more Northern Mines at Pioneer, and Crystal, and through the hills nearby, and for the ranches in the area. Along with the "resort" at Hicks Hot Springs, that had also become a stop on the rail line.

In 1908, the town started to become a reality. The largest population of about 75 families, came during the years of 1908 and 1909, when the town built its own school, no longer sending their young children into Beatty to stay with friends during the school year. A hardware and

supply store, and a couple of saloons, and two café's, a nice hotel & restaurant also the depot for the train stop were soon built.

Springdale, became a thriving little community. It's store and saloons were a large part of the social life for the prospectors and miners of the Northern hills of the Oasis Valley.

With the train stopping twice a week (at first) it became the supply point for the towns of crystal, and Pioneer. The ores that had been mined and milled were shipped from there out to the smelters in San Francisco, and Salt Lake City.

After the demise of the railroad, the town became a working ranch, growing most of what was needed for the survival of several families. Gradually as people left the ranch it was abandoned of all except a few head of cattle, and some burros.

The buildings of the depot, and hotel, and a few of the houses remained on Springdale's one street.

After being purchased by Ed Peacock in the 1950's, Eds great carpenter skills soon turned the depot into their home, while using the smaller buildings for storage. This beautiful and historic house remained their home until Ed's death in 2003

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Ribits.....from Bullfrog  
Billy

Claudia has asked me to contribute a "Ribits" column for the current issue of the BMHS newsletter and it is with great pleasure that I fulfill her request. By now you know that your newsletter is being created, edited and published in Beatty. As explained in the last issue, time and money basically dictated that the production of the newsletter be moved from Long Beach, CA to the home of the Museum, Beatty, Nevada. Zettia and I derived great pleasure in producing the newsletter to help kick-start the effort to build membership and enthusiasm for ongoing progress for the Museum. In the ten years we produced the newsletter, we watched in awe as the Museum grew not only in size but in stature. In many instances along the way from 1995 to 2005, we utilized what we have learned in the printing business about a very unique "trick" of the trade. It is known as "Eye Candy." If you put forth a publication that contains colorful illustrations, some self-deprecating humor, toss in enough "pats on the back" to those that deserve recognition, offer up flexible but exciting ideas for the future and get enough local people involved in the ground floor operation, you will indeed have an excellent chance not only for survival, but for continued success and growth. The need for "Eye Candy" publications no longer exists. Now is the time for a newsletter that sticks to the

business of providing essential details on what is current and what is planned for the future. Your newsletter will contain a far better "local flavor" than ever before and be produced with less expense, with the need for colorful illustrations to attract new members from out of the local area replaced with the need to maintain local membership and produce a revised interest in local residents that do not participate either through membership or active voluntary involvement with the Museum.

Some may ask if having a Museum and Historical Society is worth the effort. Nearly ten years ago, the Long Beach Heritage Museum closed due to redevelopment. All of the artifacts and documents have been in storage in as many as six different locations since that time. An effort was started over five years ago to get the Museum re-opened by a handful of volunteers, headed by the curator of the Museum. The curator is now 76 years of age and must bring the effort to a close by the end of 2005 unless a miracle happens. This is very sad, considering the population here exceeds 480,000 people. Something is truly missing when there is no place to visit that shows your history, shows your progress and demonstrates your willingness to actively be involved in the place you call home. Beatty, Nevada can be proud of the fact that as your population has been reduced in recent years by the closing of the mine

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at Rhyolite, your Museum has grown to a level where it can truly be loved and appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

From 330 miles away, Zettia and I send our best wishes. We know you will continue to make the "extra" effort needed to maintain, improve and expand the Museum as the need dictates. We look forward to our next visit and of course, now we look forward to receiving the next issue of your newsletter. Until the next time.....RIBIT

## NOTES FROM OUR PREZ.

Well every one I guess it is time for me to make a statement. After 10 months as your President, I can say I am finally learning what I am doing. I am really looking forward to the next year and seeing how far we can go to reach the goals I have set for us.

I really do have some ambitious plans, and I think we have the people that will help me implement them.

1- I hope that with Suzy's help in grant writing we will be able to purchase and construct a new addition the

size of the one we just finished. We really do need the space, ASAP.

2- More immediate and easier done I think, we need some more glass display cabinets. We have so many truly wonderful things I would like to see displayed for everyone to enjoy, but they need to be protected from too many loving hands.

3- easier still we need some volunteers to help sort the stuff in the storage shed some of it needs to be labeled and displayed, but a lot of it is left over from our yard sale. Any volunteers???

4- Just as easy I would like to see some of our exhibits rotated to different parts of the museum. (Just for a change of scenery)

On the planning board is a car wash the last weekend of July to help raise money to see us through the summer.

Also starting the first of June we will be doing a membership drive ( please

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● give the membership application that is in the back of the newsletter to a friend and ask them to join us. ) that will be continuing all through the summer. Applications are in the Museum also.

We are planning a bake sale for September. Possibly an auction for Nov.

Right now I would like to take the time to say thank you to some very special people.

● To Mary Revert, who through the trials and personal tragedies of the past year, has always been there with her unending support, and advice.

To Kristy Miller our employee who actually seems to run the museum single handedly. She does a good job of keeping us all in line. Good Job Kristy.

● Thank you to Bill and Zettia Miller for all the years of producing the newsletter, perhaps I will get to meet

you some time.

To Roger and Barbra Piatt for all the research you make such wonderful displays.

To Bobbi at the Shady Lady one of our most staunch supporters. Thank You.

To Beatty Sheriff Office, for loaning us a prisoner to clean up weeds and yard work last fall.

Also the Angel's Ladies Ranch for loaning us their maintenance man to do the same job this spring. We desperately need his helping hands.

Thank you also to every one who brought in items for display, and to all who baked and helped with the last bake and yard sale.

Until next time. Maxine.

**NOTICE:: The museum will be closed June 4. for the school bike-a-thon**

**DONATIONS—**  
**RECEIVED SINCE JAN.**

2/28

From Pat Gorman  
Donation one I Mac  
computer

3/20

From John Lisle on loan, a  
lathe from early 1900's

12/22(missed last time)

From Rosemary, Forsythe  
4 toy airplanes  
2 toy trucks  
1 toy train  
A Disney Racer, and books

3/30

Larry G. Johnston, donated a  
old buggy wrench.

4/2

From John (?) Donation  
T & T railroad stack

4/17

From LaRene Younghans-  
9 4 ft. shelves with  
brackets  
1 old movie projector and  
case  
1 old bottled water stand  
Donation

4/20

From Kristy Miller,  
Lead toy fire truck (1950's)  
Donation

5/11

From Blake and Claudia  
Monk—on Loan  
In glass case a National Map  
Company Map of Nevada  
circa 1900 School Teachers  
pull down map.

4/22

Letters from Montillius  
Murray Beatty II  
Donated by Charlotte Janet  
Thoreson.

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Treasurers Report As of 5/20/05  
Museum General Fund is  
\$5,661.47

Room Tax Acct. Money Received  
for March and April  
\$1,334.81  
Balance after all bills were paid  
\$ 280.80

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## Minutes of Beatty Museum January 24, 2005

Called to order 5:35P.M.

President Maxine Makinster

Attendee: Vonnie Gray, Mary Revert, Kristy Miller, Earlene Shipman, Claudia Reidhead

Minutes Read by Vonnie Gray Motion to accept as read

Treasurer Report: \$3742.05 General fund \$1350.07 Room Tax fund

Committees: No new reports

### Old Business

Round table Discussion

Shared photos from Robert Klamt in Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Judy Caimer sent a book about Jane Moore Beatty

Kristy will call board members to ask if she has permission to attend the Beatty Chamber meetings.

Discussed Museum Security Workshop: Kristy and Claudia volunteered to go.

Claudia volunteered to design some Museum Thank You Notes

Vonnie will be bringing her twelve third grade students to the museum on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Claudia Reidhead volunteered to watch the museum on Saturday 10-2 if she feels well.

News Letter: E-mail Bill for articles at BbullfrogB@charter.net

Called to adjourn at 6:05 P.M.

Next meeting February 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Vonnie Gray

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## Minutes of Beatty Museum March 4, 2005

Called to order 5:30 P.M.

President Maxine Makinster

Attendee: Vonnie Gray, Mary Revert, Kristy Miller, Earlene Shipman, Helen Terry, Su Hackett

Minutes Read by Vonnie Gray and Motion to accept as read

Treasurer Report: \$4621.82 General fund \$42.00 Room Tax fund

Committees: No new reports

### Old Business

Discussion on paying bills with general fund to avoid late fees. Motion made by Vonnie. Second by Earlene. Carried. Proxy vote, yes by Claudia Reidhead. We will pay current bills to avoid late fees. All others will be sent in to be paid by the county.

### New Business

Kristy shared Correspondence. There were two books that were mentioned to order More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women and Rhyolite The True Story of a Ghost Town.

Electricity is costing around \$300. We need to look into a way to lower the cost.

Happy Burro is asking for pictures of Beatty. After discussion it was decided not to make copies for placing in the Happy Burro.

We need a new furnace. Bids can be accepted. We also need to have the furnace on a regular maintenance contract.

Roof is leaking. Mary motioned that we take the steps necessary to make repairs. Vonnie second.

Bev Coffee and Bombo Cottonwood have not been able to attend meetings so request was made to fill their positions. Sue Hackett has agreed to step in for Bev. Coffee's term. Maxine will call Bev and Bombo about their positions.

Sue Hackett requested a trivia question for the Dept. of Transportation. She also asked about the walking tour.

There was also something about donations for the August Quilters for Cancer.

News Letter:

Called to adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Next meeting May 24, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Vonnie Gray



Hi Folks,

It has been a long time since I have written a column for the newsletter, and now here I am editing it. I just hope I can get it some where near as good as Bill and Zettia have done for the last ten years. (Be patient, it will take me a time or two to get there!)

First I would like to say thank you (I think) to the Board (who gave me no choice in the matter) for their confidence that I can do a good job.

I think the hardest part of the job will be to pin Maxine down for each newsletter, to keep us updated on her ideas and opinions. Like Mary she is a very busy lady. Most times hard to catch up with.

Also I want to say a special thank you to Bill and zettia, and ask Bill if he will continue to contribute his Ribits Column?????

I hope to add a section on the Rhyolite Preservation Society's plans and projects.

I have added another History segment, although it is brief, this time, I will continue to include family histories as I can get them.

Thank You for your Patience and a huge Thank You to all who have labored so long and hard to keep this wonderful museum going, and to build it up to the high standard it has attained.

We Welcome all new members, and are glad of any volunteers who are willing to give us time from their busy schedules.

Claudia

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