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See History page for story on The Bullfrog-Red Oak Mining Company

A Message from the President Claudia Reidhead

Hi Folks: Sorry for the missing column last issue, but due to circumstances beyond my control, I couldn't find time to write. Railroad Days was a loss to the museum this year, so we are looking for funds to help us keep it going next year. We are also looking for people to help us with the many projects involved in getting it going and putting it all together. There seem to be only about six of us doing all the work. Mary Revert handled about 97% of it. She worked with most of the vendors and all of the car show. I feel that we need some of our local members to attend meetings and help with fund raising. With the Museum moving to the church, we will be needing hands and volunteers to man the project. This Museum is one of the better things we have going in this town. It helps young people to understand our history. It also makes the town come alive to visitors and acquaints new comers to our area with our town and people. It offers so much and is done by just a few. Won't you consider helping us with this worthy effort? Due to a glitch in ordering, a plaque that was to be presented during the talent show this year didn't get made, but at this time I would like to announce that Larry Hamilton was chosen by the Board as our Volunteer of the year, for the many hours that he has put in at the Museum and being on call when we need help at other times. He always has a willing smile and a "YES" I can help attitude. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH LARRY and the plaque is on the way. Also at this time I think a long overdue thank you should be extended to Bill and Zettia Miller for all the time and money they put into the newsletter and for all the hours on the phone reminding me that I need to get my column done and get the History Section done. Thanks should also go to all the board members and officers of this organization and their long suffering spouses. They are making something from a dream, something very special, something that will live on, bringing the history of this area to life for many who will come to see it through the years. A big thanks to all those who helped with Rail Road Days this year. You all know who you are. At the July meeting we appointed a nominating committee to nominate your upcoming officers and board of directors. You will be receiving your ballots in January. PLEASE VOTE. Your current officers cannot be elected again in their current offices. In fact, we will have to make a change in our by-laws as the board voted

to give the retiring President a one year directors position, so at the time you receive your ballots you will also be receiving this amendment to review and vote on. Well as you can see, I'm back and just as wordy as ever. Until the next time, thanks to you all!

"RIBITS" from the editor....

Bullfrog Billy

Summer is coming to a close and it seems like only yesterday it was beginning with Railroad Days. As you read in Claudia's column, in order for Railroad Days to continue, both money and humans are needed to prevent the demise of a great annual event. Perhaps now is the time to start thinking about ideas to review as ways to insure that there is another Railroad Days in 2000. By looking at what made and what makes other similar events a success or failure is a key issue. Remember how big the crowds were in the past for the annual Rhyolite Festival, but year by year the crowds diminished until the Festival itself wasn't held. Now there is an effort to revive the Rhyolite Festival for the year 2000. People communicating with each other and communicating with local businesses surely is a good start. BMHS will be electing new officers and new board members in the not to distant future. It is so important to have community involvement and have dedicated people elected that the time is now to make preparations for incoming people and ideas. Make your voice heard, attend the meetings and if a few fireworks explode, a few sparks fly, then that simply means the communication process is underway and it also means BMHS will continue to succeed. Members that live outside the Beatty area can also voice their opinions by contacting officers and board members. One of the best tools for success of BMHS for members outside the Beatty area is to recruit new members. Remember, this group has been around for quite some time now and everything that has been accomplished has been done by the members. No deal making and favors given for favors asked. Grass roots and self sufficient describes BMHS and for the insurance of a great future everyone needs to be involved. Lets ALL pitch in and keep BMHS alive and well. As for Zettia and I, our annual New Years Eve trip to Beatty will happen a little before New Years for 1999. We look forward to seeing all of our friends sometime in November or December. Until then, stay happy and healthy and think about GETTING INVOLVED!

Bullfrog Mining District History

Bullfrog Red Oak Mining Company

BY

Claudia Reidhead

The Red Oak Mine was located on December 23, 1904. Expanded in February 1905, the original location claim description reads:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned did on the 23rd day of December, locate and claim 1000 linear feet in a Northerly direction and 500 feet in a Southerly direction from the point of discovery at which point the location notice is posted, along the course of this lode or vein of mineral bearing rock known as the Red Oak lode or vein and 300 feet of surface ground on either side of the center of the lode, together with all mineral deposits contained therein, and all water and water privileges as appurtenant thereto situate in the Bullfrog Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada, and more particularly describes as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 4"x4" post on the S.E. line of "Lucky Jack" claim marked S.W. corner of Red Oak claim, thence N.27o26'E 515 feet to a 4"x4" post marked W. side center Red Oak claim from whence the Main tunnel of Montgomery's Shoshone mine bears S. 60o 30' 2390' thence N.27o 26'E 288' to a 4"x4" post marked West side A Red Oak Claim-thence N.81o35'E 213' to a 4"x4" post marked angle post Red Oak / claim thence N. 26o 0' E. to a 4"x4" post marked N.W. corner Red Oak-thence So.29o 30' 530' to a 4"x4" post marked N.E. corner Red Oak claim thence N. 61'-0" 500' to place of beginning. Adjoining claims are on the West "Lucky Jack," on North "Julie Marlow," and the "Lilly Langtry on the East "Valley no. 3" on the South Red Oak Fraction and Desert Fraction.

The Red Oak Claims were listed in the Beatty Bullfrog Miner as a traded and production mine for nearly two years. At one point is stated that there were 10 men working these claims.

One of the most interesting things I find as I do

the research on these mines and claims is the way they always refer to other claims or mines for direction. This one includes this, but being that it was surveyed by Charles E. Sexton, it incorporates all of the technical data. The original locator for these claims was George Staman. In February 1905, he added the Red Oak Fraction officially to his claims. This is another point that I find intriguing and that is frequently they would locate their claims and work them for several months before filing them. In this case, they waited until February and filed both claims at the same time. You will note that the "Fraction" was also used as part of the description of the original claim. Mr. Sexton was probably hired to do the survey after Mr. Staman had worked the claim enough to make the money for his wages and filing fees. Then he had it all handled at once.

BMHS MEETING DATES

September 27th

October 25th

7 P.M.

Beatty Community Center