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**FALL NEWSLETTER
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As the school year begins anew, our Museum is going through some changes. Riley and Suzy McCoy have moved back to their beloved Rhyolite and Bullfrog site. They are the new caretakers at the Goldwell Open-air Art Museum. They are enjoying the new challenges and love visiting with the tourist to pass on the history of our ghost towns.

**BEATTY DAYS COMING
SOON!!!**

We will be celebrating Beatty Days, October 30th. Through November 1st.

This year we have the Chili Cook off on Saturday and the Dutch Oven Cook off on Sunday. We also have the parade on Saturday at 10:00 A.M., followed by activities at the Cottonwood Park including The Antique Car show,

Motorcycle races and games, Vendors, Bed Races, and many more family activities. The Model Railroad Display will be at the Community Center. If you haven't been to Beatty in a while, come and enjoy a day of fun.

On August 5th. Beatty Museum hosted Stanley Paher, author and ghost town historian at the Lions Club. He presented a personal slide show of the ghost town of Rhyolite and surrounding sites. Stanley autographed his books for people. Guest were also able to chat and visit with Stanley. He was fascinating and it was an enjoyable evening. We hope to have him back in the spring. Stanley. Thank you so much for sharing your love of the area and your knowledge with us.

As time passes, we are reminded that we leave a part of ourselves. It is with sad hearts we said good-bye to several community members.

We lost our Co-founder Claudia Reidhead at the very beginning of this year. We miss her stories and her can do attitude. Not only did she love the Desert but she loved all of us.

Earlene Shipman passed away in the early spring. We remember her spry spirit and her silly giggle.

Thinking of her makes you want the world to be a brighter place.

Emory Jones and Earlene passed away on the same day last spring. What a kind and wonderful man he was. When he saw us he would put his arms around us and say in his Conway Twitty voice, "Hello Darlin". We miss him.

Leon Abrams was a kind gentleman. He was always willing to assist our Museum whenever he came to town. He would guard special displays during events and line up to serve food or whatever when we needed him. We were close to Leon's heart. On August 1st. 2009, we received a letter from Leon's Attorney stating that Beatty Museum & Historical Society was a co-successor Trustee in Leon's Trust. Leon is still giving to us in his absence. Thank You.

Claudia Monk, long time teacher in Beatty Schools and a respected community leader passed away in late August. Claudia suffered for many years with Alzheimer's, yet never lost her gentle nature. Even in her illness she loved the children and she loved to sing. I remember one Christmas, she sat in the rocking chair with the children at her feet and she sang in a clear, strong, beautiful voice.

We will not say good-bye to these wonderful people because they are still part of our lives and we can live by their examples for our community.

In other news, the Museum Gift Shop is growing and we have many new items including Books and DVD's.

Maxine is our only employee now and is doing a great job. Not only is the Gift Shop doing well, but the Museum is sparkling clean and the records are well kept. I love to read the comments from people who have visited the Museum. (Wonderful, great, awesome, very informative) just a few.

Our "Paving the Way to the Future" project is doing well. This is the walkway to our gazebo. You can purchase a brick to have engraved with your name on it, or in memory of someone special. If you are interested, please stop by the Museum or e-mail the Museum.

We also have internet access. If you are traveling and need to check the internet or need to do research we have two new computers donated by the BLM. This is much appreciated and we do thank them. If you would like to volunteer to help set up our research center, please contact the Museum.

New Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. If you need a group tour call the Museum and set up an appointment. (775-553-2303)

Until next time----Keep smiling, keep learning and keep loving history. Our future is tied to our past. Build relationships that strengthen our world.

Special Thanks to Vonnie Gray for helping with the newsletter. Without her folks, you wouldn't be reading it.
Love to all
Mary

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