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Hello to all of our Historical Society Members from the lovely Beatty, NV. It is hard to believe it is April already. We have been working away on our new building and as you will see we have made tremendous progress. I have had trouble writing this newsletter, and even more trouble trying to figure out what I want to say. I decided to dedicate this quarterly newsletter to a friend and a neighbor who was a long time museum member and supporter -- Mr. Riley McCoy. He recently passed away on October 10, 2015



Riley putting the finishing touches on our gazebo

Many of you will have known both Suzy and Riley through their many years of dedication to the museum, Rhyolite, and collecting the history of our area. Riley was a good friend of my grandmothers and I struggle to find the words to express my deepest condolences to Suzy and the rest of the family. I go back

through memories I have of him and the wonderful thoughtful man he was makes me smile, he will be missed by so many people. There is no way to really say thank you or goodbye, but I hope you will join me in remembering him now, and always.



Riley installing prosthetic claws he constructed out of wood

We have many members that over time and along the way have become dear friends, and it is always sad to hear of their passing. We also received a donation in memory of Lynn Vance. Ellis & Lynn were members of the museum since we formed and share the love of our history. Lynn & Ellis Vance were married in Rhyolite, NV in the 1980's and both of their wedding costumes were replicas of era costume created with patterns, completely done by hand by Lynn. Lynn passed away in September of 2014.

On a less somber note we recently had the opportunity to host a visit from our local Boy Scouts Troop 777. We had a lot of fun with these boys, and look forward to seeing them again in the future!



To update everyone on the Building addition, we should start with of course the actual delivery of the building.



*Building Delivery June 2015*

It took some imagination to visualize what it would become when it first arrived, in pieces, stacked on a flat bed. But the excitement started growing again and the reality of expanding became more than a goal. Knowing that we had A LOT of work in front of us did not even matter; we had the building in front of us. You could touch the thing. A Thank you goes to the Water Dept. for the use of their forklift and to Mike Harmon for unloading it for us.



*First Beams Going Up w/ Ken Nelson Construction*

The next few shots are from the first day of building. We posted flyers around town asking for volunteers to help erect the building. I feel it is important to mention that on June 20<sup>th</sup> we had 35 people show up and volunteer a total of 203 hours. A big Thank You to Kenny Nelson and his two man crew Greg Gruis and Jose Augustine out of Pahrump. They brought equipment and expertise up and have gone

above and beyond to assist us through this project, at no charge!

Now the Special Thanks for the wonderful Community Members of Beatty who showed up in force and worked all day in the heat of June! If I miss anyone or misspell names I apologize in advance; Kelly Carroll, Mike Harmon, Diane McGinnis, Amina Anderson, Kathy Swann, Rob & Linda Shirley, Marty Campbell, Charlie Lix, Jim & Lily Beach, Roy O'Dell, Walter Gobert, Wayne Stephenson, John Evans, Ed Trumble, Jon Harmon, Ricardo Lopez, John & Gennie Lisle, Erika Gerling, David Ohlerking, Jeremy True, Aaron Johnson, John Manning, Teresa Mossey and the Boy Scouts; Liam Mossey, Chris Meyer, Jaron Johnson, Shawn O'Dell. **Thank You All So Much!** Also we need to thank Vonnie Gray and Jerry Hammes for planning & providing the refreshments that kept us hanging in there to the last beam!



*A Happy*

*Volunteer is the best you could ever have! (Kelly Carroll)*

The majority of the building pictures are on our facebook page and website, there are too many to include in the newsletter, however I want to highlight a few shots and show you what it looked like at the end of the day.



*The last beam going up!*

more reach and kept the wind in our sails so to speak.



*Putting the roof on!*



*The finished product of Volunteers on day one!*



*Ed Trumble framing in the walls*

Also if anyone else has photo's taken from that day please share them with us! The next couple of months were full of weekends hanging walls, building the connecting breezeway, then came the roof, and I want to point out again this was achieved by the Awesome Volunteers that came and gave up their time to help us out!



*Ed Trumble cutting metal studs to frame walls!*



*The connecting Breezeway/Hallway*



*Kelly Carroll hanging drywall!*

The Beatty Town Advisory Board approved the cost of installing the electrical at \$6,700 as well as half of the cost for insulation installed on the ceiling which came to \$925.00. They have also approved \$4,500 to go towards our AC unit. Their support has given the funding we do have

I want to take a moment to thank both Ed Trumble and Kelly Carroll. Both of these gentleman have given up countless hours and whole weekends to get us where we are today. Both Ed and Kelly have worked by themselves when no one else could help, and it is hard to express how much that means. I want them

both to know what truly awesome individuals they are and that they are sincerely appreciated. If you see either of them high five's or hand shakes let them know that they made a difference~



*And the drywall is finished!*

We still have the flooring and ceiling to work out and finish. There is a whole lot of work still to go, however we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. The building is actually a reality, brought together with determination, patience, persistence, lots of sweat, a little bit of blood, and wonderful volunteers.

We will be trying to post the project photos to the museum's facebook page so follow us, or check on the website for the full collection! Once the inside is done and operational we will still have tons of work to get everything inventoried, cleaned, and cataloged, new displays installed etc. If anyone is interested in volunteering we wouldn't mind the help! When complete, we will host a grand opening celebration where it will be officially named the Leon Abrams Wing. We will let everyone know as soon as we have a better idea of the timeframe. Thank you all for your support!

For all of the Amazon shoppers out there, you can now support the Beatty Museum through Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. You can now select the Beatty Museum as a charitable organization!

We also had another fantastic arrangement that involved some of our high school aged kids.



The High School kids attending Close-Up Washington DC this year put in some volunteer hours with us. They designed and cleared a nice trail to the outdoor exhibits as well as helping with clean up efforts in and around the building and grounds. I think that having the chance to interact with these students in a way that got them involved was a lot of fun and the day to day at the museum was more interesting when you try to put a teenaged perspective to it. Thank you to Teresa Sullivan for the opportunity and thank you to all the kids who showed up and got involved!

I have one other fun fact to share with you and that is the visitor and volunteer numbers for this year. So in January we had 473 visitors and 122.5 volunteer hours. February there was 610 visitors and 108.75 volunteer hours. March had 808 visitors and 86 volunteer hours! Death Valley had a Super Bloom from all of the flooding last October. Boy did the flower enthusiasts show up in force. There is really something magical about seeing the desert covered in a carpet of flowers from the valleys to the mountains, so green and vibrant with life.

With those highlights I will bring this newsletter to a close. I apologize for the time in between our newsletters; we hope to get back on a regular schedule once this project wraps up.