

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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FOUR TOWN BOARD MEMBERS RESIGN

By Jan Cameron

At the County Commission meeting on June 1, four members of your Town Advisory Board resigned. This was not a concerted effort. Each of us reached our decisions on our own and for somewhat differently stated reasons. But the main impetus was the same. Our Fire Department had been decimated since the County EMS Department took it over on March 1.

I had been working with the County for the last five years trying to resolve the problems that kept arising between the Brent Jones and his staff from the County Emergency Services Department and our Volunteer Fire Department. I had spent hours and hours talking with Brent Jones, the Director. Every time I thought that we had reached an agreement, the same sort of problems, or new ones would smack us in the face. I had also tried to make the Board of County Commissioners aware of our concerns, to no avail. They appear to absolutely trust everything that Brent Jones tells them.

In May 2009, I requested a meeting with the County Manager, the Assistant County Manager, the Director of EMS and his staff, and the Human Resources Manager to try to resolve the issues. Joe DeLee and Lon Fuller accompanied me. The two-hour meeting, which the County Manager ran, was useless. It was obvious that the County Manager had no interest in hearing our concerns, looking at our documentation or resolving any issues. The Assistant County Manager asked me if I could put together plan of how I thought things should work.

In June 2009, I submitted a simple plan. Each local Department was to be managed by its

Chief. A Council of Chiefs would meet regularly to discuss and resolve issues of mutual concern and address inter-departmental subjects, such as grant and County funds uses, training requirements, joint training, department and stations numbering, etc. The EMS Director and his staff would serve as advisors to the Council of Chiefs: responsible for assisting them wherever possible with finding funds, training and other support needs. If, at any time, the Director of EMS thought that the Council or any individual department was, or was not, doing something that would increase the potential liability of the County, he was to bring that issue before the Board of Commissioners for resolution. Simple. Effective. Protecting both the County and the Volunteer and Paid Fire Departments.

Several months later, the Plan was dismissed by the County Manager as "limiting the authority of the EMS Director too much". He preferred to issue a new job description for Lon which required him to report to Brent Jones and to issue a directive to all departments that were not under a Town Board form of government that put those departments directly under the thumb of Brent Jones. Rather than have me make my case to the Commission, the County Manager decided to delay for sixty days asking the Commission for approval while we talked, again, over the issues. I agreed to that delay. Last November, I spent five hours with Brent, trying, once again, to resolve issues so that our Volunteers could continue to serve our community in an effective way. He made a lot of commitments to me as to how he and his staff would deal with the Volunteer departments. Among the most important were: that the individual Volunteer Fire Departments would remain autonomous, led by their Chiefs; that a "Leadership Team" of Chiefs would decide most policy issues; that the Volunteers

would be treated with respect; that he and his staff would assure that the Volunteers knew that they were appreciated; and that he would work with the Town Advisory Board.. None of those commitments have been fulfilled.

You don't show respect by showing up at Joe and Tootsie Cohan's fire after our Volunteers had worked for 3.5 hours to get it under control and announce that you are here and in command (Jim Medici, EMS Volunteer Coordinator) and they deny that you ever did so, despite the entire Department's hearing it over the radio. You don't show respect and appreciation by, within days of assuming control over the Department, ordering the Chief to contact everyone on the roster within two days to find out where they stood on working under him and authorizing overtime (which is not in the town's budget) to do it (Brent Jones). You do not show respect for the TAB or show that you are working with it when you change the fire department employee's work schedule to five 8's from the four 10's that he had been working to save the town the cost of operating the building five days a week (Brent Jones). You do not show respect and appreciation for the volunteers when, two months their deciding to hang in there and stay with the Department, you tell them that if they want to leave the service, "that's fine with me; it's all good" (Brent Jones). You certainly do not show respect by telling the Volunteer Department that there is no one in the Department qualified to be Chief (Brent Jones) since no one attended the "Leadership Training" offered in Tonopah over several weekends last winter, despite that fact that there were, on the roster, at least five men who each had almost thirty years of training and experience with this Department, and four former Chief's and one current on. No, that is really not the way to work with a Volunteer Fire Department.

This isn't about training or physicals or safety of the firefighters. It is about control: control of all of the County fire departments and iron-fisted control, at that.

At our Town Board meeting on May 27, we were advised that our Department, some 20-plus strong on March 30, was down to around 10 active and available people, at least 4 of whom were trainees or juniors. Neither of the latter categories could fight a fire. And we were down to only a couple of drivers, which meant, even if everyone was able to respond, we were limited to one fire truck and a tender responding to any fire. (These numbers are more accurate than those Brent presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 15.)

Several things happened over the next few days. Each of us mulled over what we had heard and what was happening. The EMS Department showed, and expressed, no concern. And Tona Renegar's husband pointed out our potential individual liability if we stayed on the Board, and, heaven forbid, someone was injured or killed in a fire.

So Tona Renegar decided to resign. I chose to resign. Aaron Lynn chose to resign. Roman Rajm chose to resign. There is not room in this newsletter for each of the resignation letters. But I know, from having talked with each of my fellow members since then, that the decisions were not made lightly. None of us wanted to finish our time on the TAB this way. None of us wanted to leave our work undone. None of us wanted to walk away. And, frankly, some of us won't.

But we each believed that our doing so was the only hope for getting the Board of County Commissioners to look into and fix the problems with which the Volunteer Fire Department has been forced to deal. Time will prove whether or not we were right. I know we each hope so. And we will each do what we can to continue to support our community.

If the treatment and condition of our Volunteer Fire Department upsets you, feel free to contact any or all of the commissioners. You can find their contact information at the county web site: www.co.nye.nv.us.

Town Board Meeting Highlights 6-24-10

Jon DeLee and Perry Souza were appointed by the BOCC to be interim members so that a quorum would be available to conduct meetings until nominations and an election could be held. On June 24th four people were nominated for the four vacant seats. The nominees are Linda Bromell, Jon DeLee, Vern Gilliland and Perry Souza. At the July 29th meeting an election will be held to determine which nominee will fill which vacant seat.

Upcoming Events

Amargosa Clinic has the Immunization Clinic every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month for children with no insurance. Immunizations are \$20.

July 4th In the Park at 5 p.m.
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Waterslide, Games, Arts and Crafts.

The Community Center is Open Mon, Wed and Thurs for AYC 1-4. For kids to play games, Arts and Crafts, Basketball etc.

Ladies Tea

It's tea time again. We have moved the date of the tea up to July 17th this year. Also it won't be at the Gym this year, it will in Church of Amargosa Dining room. Sheri Longly from Pahump will be speaking instead of Kathy Simpson. Kathy had an unavoidable change of plans, we will miss her, but Sheri is wonderful & humorous. Be sure and call us if you aren't able to get your money in by July 3rd. Hope to see you all there. (See our full page ad in this paper.)

July 6th - Joyfulears activity meeting

July 17th Joyfulears Ladies Tea

July 20 Joyfulears Ladies movie night – 5:30 / 6PM Church of Amargosa

July 23rd AYC Dance at 5:30 p.m.

July 31 Business Men's Fellowship Breakfast - DVJ cafe

July 31 Free! Family movie night 5:00 Church of Amargosa movie TBA

Community Meetings

07-04-10 EMT AMBULANCE HALL 6 P.M
07-06-10 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
07-13-10 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6 P.M.
07-13-10 AA RADIO CLUB MTG CC 6 P.M
07-13-10 AVFD FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M
07-14-10 MEMORIAL SUPPORT CC 6 P.M
07-18-10 GARDEN CLUB CC 2 P.M
07-20-10 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M
07-20-10 VFW @ POST 7 P.M
07-29-10 TOWN BOARD MTG CC 7 P.M

Womens Softball Team

To begin as soon as there are enough players signed up. If you are interested in playing Please contact Dolores Perez at 775-513-5550 or Tina Oseguera 775-781-7957.

Bunco Group

Looking for Bunco couples, We are organizing a Bunco Group and need 3 more couples. If interested please call Bonnie G. 372-5555.

Town Thank You's

From This Corner of the World
Thank you. Two small words, so much meaning. I have said thank you before to those of you who serve in our Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Squad. But I feel compelled to do so again, because, through no fault of your own, you are suffering. If you are still on the forces, you know that you are understaffed and in potential danger, both of not being able to do your volunteer job effectively, and personally. If you are not still on the force, you are angry and hurt that you cannot continue to do what you have trained to do and done so effectively for years.

So, thank you to all of you who have served or are serving on the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department or the Amargosa Ambulance Squad or both. You are true heroes. You give up your time to fight fires and transport people to the doctor or hospital, but you do so much more. You spend your evenings and weekends training or meeting to discuss department concerns.

You skip your meals, miss your kid's events, get little sleep, and deal with horrendous things – often when they have happened to your family or friends. As a firefighter and EMS, you also respond to traffic accidents, extract the victims, care for them and either transport them or meet Flight-for-Life. You stop and reroute traffic.

You respond within this Valley and to Crystal or Beatty or California, when needed. You spend hours and, sometimes, days searching for people thought lost in the desert.

It takes a special kind of person to do what you do or have done. To those of you, who have been forced out of service through the actions of the County Staff, don't feel like you quit. You were shoved. And I know that you would be using your skills, training and experience still, if you had not been put in an increasingly untenable position. Whether you are still hanging on by your fingernails or not, you are still my heroes. And I pray that conditions will soon permit all of you to return to doing what you loved doing and were so good at. Thank you. And may God bless you, one and all.

GREAT JOB

A BIG SHOUTOUT for Jim and Glenda Leonard who took it upon themselves to sell raffle tickets for the fund raiser in Pahrump for fallen Officer Deutch. In our little town they raised \$1000 for the Deutch's family. Not only did they sell the tickets they went to Pahrump to take part in the fund raiser and brought back items that people in Amargosa won. You've gotta love our town and it's great generous people.

From The Regalado Family

I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers at the loss of my granddaughter Angela. Thank you for your prayers for the recovery of my great-grandchildren Tristen, Emma, and Preston. Please keep praying for them during this time.

HONOR FLIGHT: HONORING WWII VETERANS

Each day we lose approximately 1000 World War II veterans. Most have never been honored. Honor Flight is trying to change that. This organization will fly a WWII veteran and his/her Guardian to fly to Washington, DC, to view the WWII Memorial. They must be accompanied by a next-generation Guardian willing to escort the veteran to DC. A \$350 donation covers all costs for the Guardian (not a legal term; just a title). For more information and applications, go to honorflight.net.

PS: John Bosta's Uncle was the first from Nevada to be served by the Honor Flight.

A Thank you to The Beeman

By: Helga

The Bee-man is coming to Helga-land. For 3 years the bees went on building their hive. Living and dancing inside the house. They were all very kind and polite to me so I let the bee be. Till April a neighbor came to visit and was kissed tenderly behind the ear. The old grumpy called the Beeman and Uncle Jimmy came. He took over the house, my bedroom etc. What did he find behind the walls?? Over 225 pounds of honey. Never seen so many bees in Amargosa Valley. Thank you to Uncle Jimmy "The Beeman" and to my friend. Will I be Bee free?? NO they must love me.

You're Invited to the Joyfullears

5th annual

Ladies Tea

"Walking with Jesus"

Every Lady is Welcome

Special Guests

Speaker

Sheri Longly

Soloist

Ashley Winters



Bring a Friend

Or a Daughter
or a Mother

Don't miss this
wonderful afternoon

When: Saturday July 17th, 2010

Where: Church of Amargosa

1870 W. Farm Rd, (on Farm rd, 3/4 m. West of Valley View)

Time: Doors open 1:00pm, starts 2:00pm

Cost: \$15.00

Invite a Friend!

For info: Sherry Donegan 372-1617 cell 702-575-2014

or Rebecca Donaldson 702-575-2017

Please return the information card with payment as soon as poss. (by July 3rd) To:
Church of Amargosa, Joyfullears Tea, Hc 69, Box 495-R, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

Late RSVP's & walkin"s ok, if you can call please let us know you are coming

Name _____

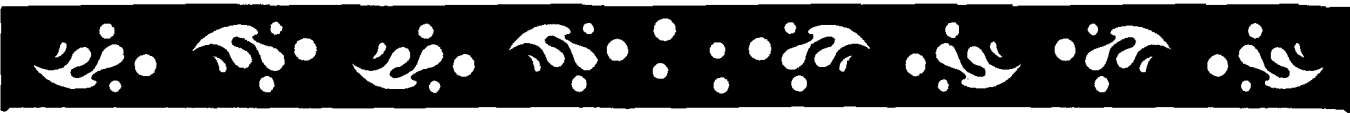
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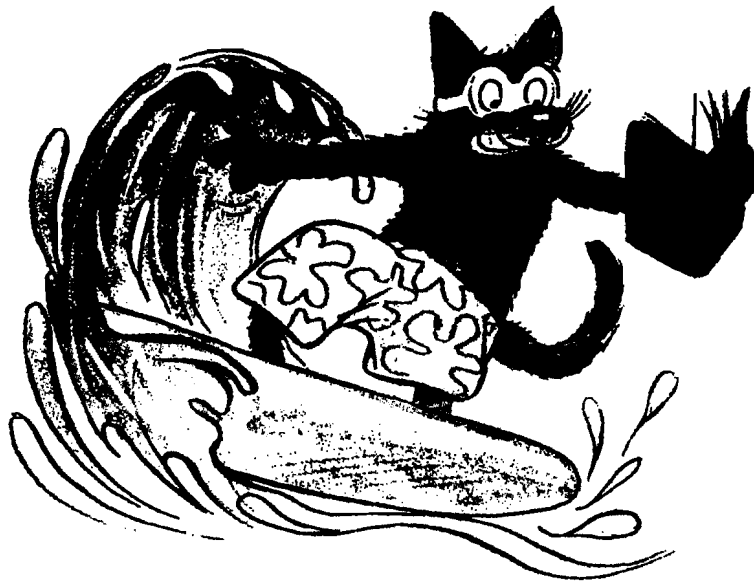
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You are invited to
Make a Splash—READ!
 at the **Amargosa** _____ Public Library's
 2010 Summer Library Program
 Starts July **13th** at a library near you!



How the Program Works

1. Children ages **6** to **13** can register for a variety of programs.
2. You may register for the reading programs any time after the last day of school.
3. You'll receive a logbook to record the titles of books you read this summer.
4. Sign a contract with the librarian to decide how many books you plan to read.
5. We'll be offering a variety of programs, give-aways, and contests all summer, so pick up a list of events and drop in as often as possible.
6. Everyone who completes the program by finishing their contract will be invited to a final party with certificates and rewards.
7. The library welcomes children of all abilities.

For more information, call the library at **775-372-5340**

Or, visit our Web site at _____.



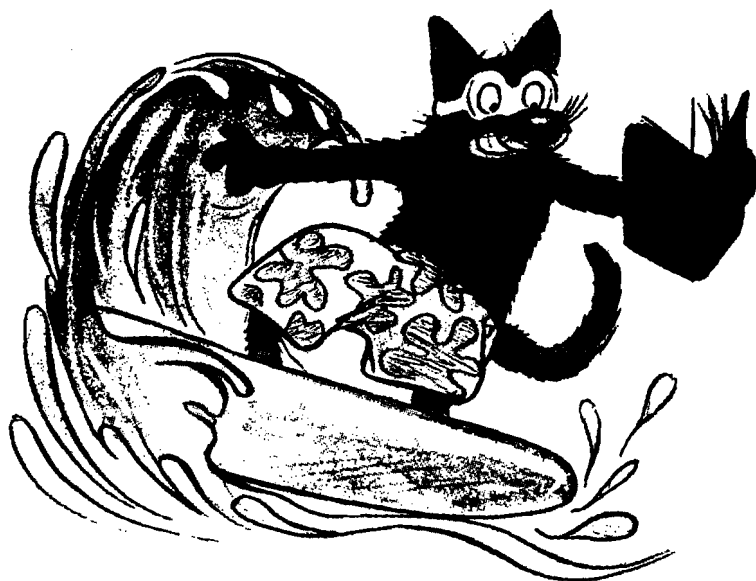
Estás invitado a

¡Causa Sensación-LEE!

En la Biblioteca Pública de Amargosa

El Programa de la Biblioteca de Verano 2010

¡Empieza el 13 de Julio en tu biblioteca cercana!



Cómo Funciona el Programa

1. Los niños de 6 a 13 años pueden inscribirse en una variedad de programas.
2. Puedes registrarte para los programas de lectura en cualquier momento después del último día de escuela.
3. Recibirás un diario para registrar los títulos de los libros que leíste este verano.
4. Firma un contrato con el bibliotecario para decidir cuántos libros tienes planeado leer.
5. Estaremos ofreciendo una variedad de programas, regalos y concursos todo el verano así que busca la lista de eventos y pasa por aquí tan a menudo como puedas.
6. Todo aquel que termine el programa finalizando su contrato será invitado a la fiesta final con certificados y premios.
7. La biblioteca da la bienvenida a niños de todas las capacidades.

Para mayor información, llama a la biblioteca al _____.

O, visita nuestra página web en _____.

Senior Center News

Amargosa Valley Senior Center:

Happy 4th of July

WE are looking for an activity director to join the Senior Project Council: if you are interested please contact Jan @ 372- 1218 Thank you. If you or a loved one are unable to attend the senior center for meals due to sickness and or handicap and need home-delivered meals please contact Tammy @ 372-5413.

If you need a ride please call one of the following and join us for dinner.

5614 Aj Griffin----VFW or Stateline

1343 Jean Adams---- Cottonwood

5138 Prudy Stengel---- Diablo and Farm Road

Also come and enjoy: Arts & Crafts every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm and Friday night pool (must be 18 or older to play). Open pool starts @ 5:30 pm. Also every fourth Wednesday of each month @ 5:30pm is ladies night pool. So come on out ladies and have some fun. We look forward to you joining us for dinner and activities.

We have 8lb. bags of ice for sale for \$1.00. And don't forget to bring us you crushed Aluminum cans.

MEDICAL INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTS

I am looking at a supplement catalog that has over 4,500 products. Many of these products have a very small disclaimer: "Federal Drug Administration has not evaluated these statements. These products are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease." Based on these statements, why would anyone consume any of the products? Well, people do, to the extent of billions of dollars every year.

Let us discuss one of the supplements that does not have a disclaimer regarding it. Vitamin D is one of the most interesting ones. Some experts consider it more of a hormone than a vitamin. A severe shortage causes a disease, not common today, called rickets. Fifty years ago any dosage above 400 International Units was considered toxic. Today, its recommended

dosage is at least 1,000 International Units daily. A shortage in daily intake results in a deficiency in the immune system leading to a susceptibility to many diseases. Several M.D.s (Internal Medicine Specialists) in Las Vegas recently found that all of their breast cancer patients had a deficiency of Vitamin D in their blood tests. This is being researched expertly in several major medical centers, not limited to Las Vegas. The results of this will be well publicized in the not too distant future. Vitamin D can be obtained in a variety of ways, including sunlight. A 20 to 30 minute daily skin exposure to the sun is adequate. A yearly blood test might be prudent to include Vitamin D, as not all M.D.s currently do.

Just a little Health Note:

Something that we can do to help ourselves. Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve under the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets.

Why keep aspirin by your bedside?

About Heart Attacks

There are other symptoms of an heart attack besides *the pain on the left arm.*

One must also be aware of *an intense pain on the chin*, as well as *nausea* and lots of *sweating*, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently.

Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack.. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, *immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth* and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards:

CALL 911

- say "heart attack!"

- say that you have taken 2 aspirins..


- phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by

- take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and...

~ DO NOT lie down ~

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

MONTH OF: **Jul-10**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.	1-Jul <u>Roasted chili turkey breast</u> <u>Cilantro lime rice</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Pears</u>	2-Jul Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Spanish rice Spinach Salad bar Brownie
5-Jul CLOSED	6-Jul BBQ Chicken Sour cream potato salad Steamed spinach, Corn on the cob, LF Margarine 7 Grain bread, Apple butter, Fresh banana 1	7-Jul Spaghetti & meat balls Green beans Cheesy garlic bread Salad bar Mixed fruit	8-Jul Tuna pattie Rice pilaf Broccoli with cheese Garden salad Strawberries & cream	9-Jul <u>Veggie pitas pizzas</u> <u>Mediterranean soup</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Rice krispie squares</u> <u>Apple sauce</u>
12-Jul Red beans and rice Beets in orange sce. Layered salad 100% WW Bread Apple butter Fruit cocktail 7	13-Jul Hot turkey sandwich Green beans Mashed potatoes Gravy Cake Peach cup	14-Jul Roma burger Romaine lettuce Ketchup FF May-o Corn on the cob Baked beans Apricot cup	15-Jul <u>Thai chicken stir-fry with peanut sauce</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Winter squash soup</u> <u>Bread pudding</u>	16-Jul Fish Potato wedges Mixed Veggies Dinner rolls Tapioca pudding
19-Jul <u>Lemon & herb chicken</u> <u>Brussels sprouts</u> <u>Scalloped potatoes</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apple sauce</u>	20-Jul BBO Pork ribs Baked potato Broccoli WW Bread Chocolate chop cookie	21-Jul Turkey fajita Spanish rice Ranch style beans Chopped spinach sal. LFLS French drsg. Pineapple chunks Birthday cake	22-Jul Baked liver & onions Mexicorn Tomatoes vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Apple butter 101 Sliced peaches	23-Jul Egg drop soup Chicken egg rolls Sweet-n-sour sauce Fried rice Steamed broccoli spears Peanut cookies 118
26-Jul Chili cheese baked potato, Steamed carrots WW Banana muffin Peach butter 37 FF Blueberry yogurt Orange banana juice	27-Jul Chicken curry on rice Colorful salad LFLS French drsg. WW Rolls LS Margarine Mixed fruit	28-Jul Meat loaf Broccoli with cheese Mashed potatoes Gravy Salad bar Apricot cup Cottage cheese	29-Jul <u>Turkey vegetable crescent pie</u> <u>Beef vegetable soup</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Raspberry cheese cake</u>	30-Jul Baked stuffed pork chop Steamed spinach Baked beans Oat bran roll Apple butter Pineapple chunks 81

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LOCAL PATRON

4th Of July in the Park starts at 5 p.m.
Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Drinks, VFW, Waterslide
Games, Watermelon Eating Contest
Huge Fireworks Show at 9 p.m