

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

"All the news that's fit to print (maybe)"

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## **THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB**

By: Erin Booth

*Seasons Greetings to everyone from your Library!*

*This is going to be short but sweet, so here we go...*

As a gentle reminder, the new winter library hours are:

Mon. - Fri.: 8am till 4pm

Saturdays: 8am till 12 Noon

This will remain in place until springtime, when the sun stays up longer in the evening.

New fun thing to do! We will start having The Amargosa Valley Library Coffee Klatch starting December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Coffee will be available to start with, brought to you by Starbucks. Come on over, have a little conversation for a couple of hours and check a few books or movies out! We know that most of the time the Library is a place of quiet contemplation, but for the first two hours daily, we thought it might be nice to "chew the fat", so to speak, have a cup of coffee or tea before you continue on with your day. Please note: Coffee will be available in the designated "reading area", where the magazines are located.

Here's something new and exciting! We're having a contest for both the Logo and Slogan for the Library. This will run from December 12, 2008 to January 12, 2009. There will be cash prizes of \$25 awarded to the best choices from the Pre-k to 17 and 18+ categories. The Logo and Slogan will be used for promotional purposes, so please think of how you would like your Library presented to the public. Please call for more information at 775-372-5340.

Thank you, once again, to my fantastic staff – Osvaldo Granados and Pat Booth-Durgin. You are the best and hopefully you know it!

Here's to a happy, healthy December for one and all!

If you haven't already, please come by and see our winter decorations!

## **AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER**

By: Tammy Been

We would like to thank everybody for the donations that made our Thanksgiving dinner so wonderful.

We now have \$20.00 and \$40.00 Pre-paid meal cards and \$20.00 adopt a senior meal cards for sale, if you would like to buy one please come by and see Tammy at the Senior Center.

We no longer have a thrift store due to lack of space and volunteers, so please take your gently used items to Beatty Senior Center.

You are invited to join us December 16<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas party and dinner. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped unisex gift for the gift exchange game and join in on all the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

We had a public meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the feasibility study for a new senior center and the attendance was very low. The meetings that are held for the public are very important, as they allow you to give input for your new Senior Center. We hope you all can make it to the next public meeting. We need your ideas and likes and even your dislikes.

Car-pooling is available; call one of the following in your area to arrange for a day to join us.

5614 Aj Griffin-----VFW or Stateline

1343 Jean Adams-----Cottonwood

5465 Kenna Vallance-----Farm Road

5713 Katie Hansen-----VFW or Stateline

Prudy Stengel-----Diablo or Farm Road

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

## **FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD**

By: Jan Cameron

I want to thank the person who saved me from having to remove the campaign signs that I put up around town for Commissioner Eastley. I know who you are. You are an ill-mannered, insecure, unpatriotic Dunderhead. And you live on an HCR route. How do I know that, you ask?

Well, you are ill-mannered because you have willfully destroyed the property of another person and violated a tenet of American politics: an individual's campaign materials should not be defaced. Now, I have considered defacing some over the years. I thought about replacing the name containing G\_\_ with B\_\_ a few years ago. But I didn't; I got over it.

You are insecure because you obviously don't have enough faith in yourself or your beliefs to let others have theirs without secretly "hiding" things with which you disagree.

And you are un-patriotic, because you willfully and knowingly violated another's First Amendment rights. Pitiful behavior!

I'll let you puzzle over how I know that you live on a delivery route. If you are a quarter as smart as you think you are, you'll figure it out. And Dunderhead? Well, look it up.

I have worked with Commissioner Eastley for the last eight years. We have not always agreed; in fact, we have vehemently disagreed at times. But we have each respected the other's right to disagree. And we have both worked to improve the lives and surroundings of the people of Amargosa Valley. I don't expect anyone to agree with me all of the time. Heck, I don't even agree with myself all of the time. But I try to learn from my experiences, do research when possible, listen to others, and be open to changing my opinion in light of new information. So does Commissioner Eastley.

She also made the trip down here for our Primary Candidates' Night, even though she wasn't even competing in the primary. And, in case you didn't notice, she won handily even without the signs you removed. So, you wasted your efforts and save me some time. Thanks again! I can always use it. (continued in next column)



## **FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD**

(continued)

To the rest of you: Remember to support Christmas in the Nighttime Sky. Bring an unwrapped gift (or more than one). Enjoy soup and other goodies, the Christmas Bazaar (sponsored by the Art Guild), the fellowship and the fireworks. And may all of you slow down, sleep in, feel and share your joy, and have wonderful holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

### ***THE JOY IS IN GIVING***

*When sending out your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.*

A Recovering American Soldier  
C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

### ***PLEASE PASS IT ON!!!***



### ***MEETING TO DISCUSS ROADS IN AMARGOSA!***

***Monday, 12-15-2008 @ 6:00 P.M.***

***Amargosa Valley Community Center***

*With the departure of Samson Yao, things have changed, so Commissioner Eastley has set up a meeting with the Public Works Director, Dave Fanning. This is an informational meeting which is open to the public. Please join us so that you can better understand the workings of our road department.*

## **STATELINE SALOON**

By: Maggie Henzig

The Stateline Saloon is now under new management. After 2 1/2 years of having a Tavern in Pahrump, I heard that Harry and Rick,( who had originally taken over the Stateline Saloon), were pulling out. I seized the opportunity to relocate my business from Pahrump to the Stateline Saloon. I want to re-assure everyone in the Valley that I don't and won't tolerate fighting or drug dealing in the Saloon. My goal is to be your local bar where everyone can come to relax and kick-back after a hard days work. We have a 50 cents pool table, free foosball, free jukebox, Happy Hours from 4-7 pm Monday thru Friday. Our Draft beer is up and going also. There will be live entertainment every weekend and on Sunday afternoons. Karaoke is available upon request. Our phone # is: 775-372-5672.

We officially opened on Nov 14th, and we are open from 11:00 AM daily.

Wynn Brooks was the winner of the Grand Prize that we had for our Grand Opening, a 3 day 2 night stay at Hooters in Vegas.

The Banquet Room is available for private parties, Weddings or special events and features a Private Bar.

We were cleared by the Health Dept. to open the "Smokin' Java Cafe" and it is open from 11:00 AM till closing daily. Our coffee is 50cents for a bottomless cup!

I've met alot of good people so far in the Valley and I hope to continue meeting more.

Delana Brooks, (Doris's daughter), has moved back to the Valley and is a CMT (certified massage therapist) and is offering a range of therapeutical services at the Stateline Saloon in a private room we added on. Just call the Stateline Saloon (372-5672) for appointments with Delana.

I want to make mention that there will be a venue of live entertainment every weekend.

Our live entertainment every weekend will be myself and Larry practicing under the name of "Somethin' Else."

We do a cross venue of music,(blues, rock, country, country rock), and we have no problem inviting others to join us on Sunday afternoons,(or even if they want to on the weekends).

I have been a professional musician since the age of 7. I have performed in-and-out of the country for years in the Hotel circuits.

## **STATELINE SALOON**

(continued)

Only during "Special Events" or "Private Parties", will we have any bands perform.

We will be having the musicians that were here for our Grand Opening, that chose to call themselves the "Stateline All Stars", for our NEW YEARS EVE PARTY on December 31, 2008.

The New Years Eve Party will begin at 9:00 PM until ? on the 31st. We want everyone to have a good time, but to get home safely, so, anyone who is the designated driver for that evening, I want to contact me, and everything food and soda wise is free to that driver, all night long, for whatever I have on my menu, from the Smok'n Java Cafe.

There will be free appetizers and party favors for everyone though who stops in.

## **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

By: Pat Minshall

The first annual community garage sale was a great success with many making those extra Christmas dollars. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard, Pam, Tammy, Kenna, Jean A., Diane, Prudy and Jean W. and Colette who pumped up many low tires. Thanks to all of you that came out and supported this event.

## **BETTER GAS MILEAGE**

By: Pat Minshall

I'd heard and read that you would get the best miles per gallon driving at 60-mph. I tried it. The last two months I've been driving at 60, 65, 70 & 75-mph to test this out. At 60-mph I get about 4-5 more mph than at 75. That adds about 100 miles to a tank of gas for me. If you see me zooming by you I'm testing a higher speed (right). Even though gas has come down in price I think I'll go for the lower speeds (unless I'm late). Do not do this on two lane highways where the posted speed is 70 unless there is ample room and opportunity to pass, this makes other drivers angry and apt to take risks. At 60 the only thing slower than you is the turtle.

## **SENIOR CENTER FRIDAY NITE POOL**

By: Pat Minshall

Starting November 7th., we will have open pool (must be 18 to play) @ the Senior Ctr. Play starts @ 5:30PM. Come and have one of Fred's fantastic meals and stay and play pool with a great group of people. \$5 buy in with 1st.2nd.3rd. pay out to winners

## **TIPS FOR KEEPING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

From the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department

Amargosa residents are more safety conscious than city folk, but we go to town to shop for gifts. How can we protect ourselves and our families from accidents and injuries this joyous time of year? By taking a common sense approach, from the driving to home, that will add to your safety.

### **DRIVING**

Probably the best suggestion about holiday driving is to give yourself extra time. The roads and stores will be crowded with shoppers and the arrival of the "snowbirds". There is road construction in and around Las Vegas that is causing congestion and other unexpected problems. When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren on, safely and carefully pull your vehicle as far right as you can and stop until they have passed. Look for any additional emergency vehicles following the first one before pulling back into your lane of traffic. Once at the store, do not park or wait in the fire lane, which is designated for quick access by emergency personnel to gain entry into the building. While discussing driving, let's not forget that drinking and driving do not mix. If you intend to drink, please have a designated driver to see that you get home safely. Watching out for the other driver is especially true during the holiday-party season, they may not be sober.

### **DECORATIVE LIGHTS AND CANDLES**

Nothing brings about the festive sprit of the holidays like decorative lighting. The lights should be checked and tested each year for loose connections or cracked insulation due to our dry climate. If you are not sure the lights are safe, replace them with a string that has been approved by a reputable testing laboratory such as Underwriters' Laboratory or Factory Mutual. Most lights can have no more than 3 strings plugged together before overloading the thin gauge electric wire, always read and follow the manufacturer's directions. Outdoor lights should be fastened with plastic hangers not staples or nails. The winds in our valley can rub the insulation bare under the staple or nail, resulting in a short circuit that might cause a fire.

Holiday candles should never be left lit if nobody is in the room, they are notorious for tipping as they burn and can easily ignite surrounding decorations. Candles and open flames should never be used on trees or other decorative vegetation. Luminaries are a tradition in our valley, but care must be taken in their design. If you use the traditional brown paper bag method you might want to place the candle inside a glass jar and then weight the bag with sand as additional protection against the wind

blowing the luminary over and causing a fire. Electric or battery powered luminaries give similar appearances to candles.

### **TREES AND INDOOR DECORATIONS**

Cut and live trees require special care when brought into the home. Cut trees should be purchased from a reliable dealer who can tell you where and when they were cut. Beware of trees that have been spray-painted to appear fresher than they really are. Check to see if the needles are pliable and not loose. Before bring a cut tree inside make a new cut across the tree trunk, at least 1/2 inch above the original cut. Keep the tree in a stand that holds at least a 2-day supply of water, and refill it daily. If the tree becomes dry remove it from the building; even well watered live trees dry out in the house and should be removed for planting after the holidays. The stand must prevent the tree from tipping over; small children and pets have knocked a tree over causing fires.

Trees should be located away from heat registers, space heaters or other things which will dry them out very rapidly. Trees have a natural resin that is highly combustible; this is why they are not allowed in public buildings. We saw the fury of the forest fires; imagine how quickly a tree inside a building would burn. Do not place a tree, either live or artificial, near the normal exits of your home. Blocked doors and hallways make escape difficult from even the smallest fire. **If you have a fire get all people out of the home then call 911 from a neighbor's phone, never go back into a burning building.**

### **3 OTHER HOLIDAY THOUGHTS**

Remember to pay attention to children during the holiday season, especially toddlers who put every new thing into their mouths. Parents need to make home decorations as childproof as possible to avoid injuries.

Do not burn wrapping paper or boxes in the fireplace or pellet stove. The chimney is not designed to handle the heat generated from burning paper products and could cause a fire.

Senior citizens may feel the holidays are their loneliest time of the year. Rather than feeling the joy of the season, many feel isolated and maybe even depressed. Brighten someone's day by remembering a neighbor who may not have the same opportunities to celebrate the holidays with their family and friends.



## **POETRY & MUSIC LOVERS!**

By: Jane McCabe

On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a

### **POETRY READING & CHRISTMAS SONGFEST**

at Helgaland 1549 S. Winchester Ct.  
(off Mecca) starting at 2 p.m.

So, dust off those poems and songs you've written and stashed away and come! You will be given from 6 to 8 minutes to read, sing or to play your instrument, depending on the number of people present.

POETS, would-be poets, musicians and those who just want to enjoy hearing the spoken and sung word, are welcome.

#### ***Refreshments to follow.***

If you would like to participate, please call Jane McCabe at 775.372.5371 or e-mail at [janemmccabe@avnv.net](mailto:janemmccabe@avnv.net) (so that we will have some idea of how many people to plan for.)

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

12-02-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.  
12-04-08 LIP SYNC CC 6 P.M.  
12-05-08 CHRISTMAS PARTY CC 3 P.M.  
12-06-08 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CC 1 P.M.  
12-06-08 CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE CC 5P.M.  
12-07-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.  
12-09-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.  
12-09-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 7:00 P.M.  
12-10-08 SPECIAL MEETING CC 6:00 P.M.  
12-17-08 SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY CC  
12-11-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.  
12-16-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.  
12-16-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.  
12-18-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.  
12-25-08 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### **LIP-SYNC CONTEST**

December 04, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M. in the community center. All proceeds go to benefit the middle schools Washington DC trip. The contest is open to grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, parents and teachers. For more information please contact LuAnn or Angel Britton at the school 372-5324.

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

At the election for three Town Advisory Members on November 20, the results were as follows:

Jade Robinson	41
Tona Renegar	35
Gene Butler	29
Joe De Lee	29
Larry Cantwell	5

Congratulations to Jade and Tona. However, for the third slot.

#### ***It's a Tie***

There will be a special election on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. to break the tie between Gene Butler and Joe DeLee for the final opening. Remember, you must be a registered voter with the county **OR** be previously registered with the Town Office in order to vote.

## **THANKS TO CURT STENDEL**

We wish to extend our thanks to Curtis Stengel for having served on the Town Advisory Board for the last four years. You have not only served on that Board, but have served on the Planning Board, the Area Plan Committee, the Memorial Support Committee, and various special task committees. You have also repeatedly fixed things, built things, and done things that needed to be done. We are all very grateful.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY, 12-05-2008**

### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

**AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4:45P.M.**

**ALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS ARE**

**INVITED. COME HEAR THE**

**CHRISTMAS STORY, SING SONGS,**

**PLAY GAMES, ENJOY CUPCAKES.**

**RIDES ARE AVAILABLE FOR**

**CHILDREN WITH THE NEED.**

**Please call Larisa Craig (760) 938-3330 or**

**Shelly 372-5459 for more information.**





*Saturday, December 6, 2008*

*Amargosa Valley Annual Toy-Drive*

## *Christmas in the Night-time Sky*

*\*We have moved this event into the  
Community Center \**

*Please (nicely) let us know what you think of the move!*

### *Pictures with Santa*

*2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.*

### *Homemade Soup & Chili*

*5:00 P.M. until it's gone*

*Hot Chocolate, Marshmallow  
Roasting & Christmas Carols  
around the Bon-Fire*

*when we light the fire*

### **FIREWORKS SHOW**

*around 6:00 P.M.*

*Please remember, admission to this event is a new un-  
wrapped Christmas gift! Thank you in advance for  
helping us make wishes come true for a child at  
Christmas!*

*Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday, December  
6, 2008*

*1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.*

*Amargosa  
Community Center  
Shop for Lots of  
Great Gifts  
“reasonable prices”*

*This event has been combined with  
“Christmas in the Night Time Sky”  
Amargosa Valley’s annual toy drive*

# Toys for Tots Annual Toy Drive



All proceeds will benefit  
**Toys for Tots - Amargosa Valley**

December 13, 2008  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sponsored by  
Horizon Academy Student Council

Located at  
Horizon Academy Gymnasium  
(Corner of Mecca Road and Highway 373)

**Christmas Bake Sale**  
and  
**Baked Goods Auction**  
1 p.m. in the gymnasium  
**Barbeque**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks  
(FREE lunch with each new unwrapped toy donated)

**Santa Claus will be here**  
and a

**Fun Fair with games for the children**

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**MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413**  
**MONTH OF: DEC. 08**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	1-Dec Baked liver & Onions Mexicorn Tomatoes Vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Apple butter Sliced peaches (101)	2-Dec BBQ Chicken Baked potato, sour cream and chives Broccoli Cole slaw Apricots Oatmeal cookies	3-Dec <u>Baked bean stew</u> <u>WW Rolls</u> <u>Colorful salad</u> <u>Fruit cocktail</u> <u>Lemon cookies</u>	4-Dec Sweet-n-sour pork Brown rice pilaf Steamed cauliflower Layered salad 100% WW Bread LS Margarine Fresh peach (51)	5-Dec Tuna patties Mixed vegetables Garlic and herb mashed potatoes Salad bar Brownie	CLOSED
CLOSED	8-Dec Red beans and rice Beets in orange sauce Layered salad 100% WW Bread Apple butter Fruit cocktail (7)	9-Dec Beef ribs Scalloped potatoes Brussel sprouts WW Rolls Apple sauce Peanut butter cookie	10-Dec <u>Chicken &amp; dumplings stew</u> <u>Green chili vegetable salad</u> <u>Raspberry swirl cheesecake</u>	11-Dec Hot turkey sandwich Mashed potatoes Gravy Mixed veggies Chocolate chip cookie	12-Dec Baked tilapia Rice Pilaf Gazpacho Soup WW Rolls Salad bar Peaches and ice cream	CLOSED
CLOSED	15-Dec Spaghetti & meat sauce Corn Garlic bread Salad bar Strawberry banana yogurt	X-MAS DINNER Dec 16 Baked Ham Sweet potatoes Green bean casserole Cranberry sauce Dinner rolls Apple pie	17-Dec Chimichanga Spanish rice Zucchini Salad bar Pears B-DAY CAKE	18-Dec <u>Saucy tomato pork skillet</u> <u>Brussels sprouts</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Pears</u> <u>Bread pudding snacks</u>	19-Dec Turkey pot pie Mixed green salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apple (83)	CLOSED
CLOSED	22-Dec Herb baked chicken Baked potato FF Sour cream & chives Herbed vege. Medley 100% WW Bread Peach butter Fresh apple (73)	23-Dec Stuffed peppers Spinach spaghetti Mixed greens LFLS Italian dressing Garlic bread Nectarine (61)	24-Dec <u>Turkey enchiladas</u> <u>Cheddar cheese</u> <u>Sour cream</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Fruit cocktail</u>	25-Dec CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26-Dec CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	CLOSED
CLOSED	29-Dec <u>Spinach stuffed manicotti</u> <u>Mediterranean soup</u> <u>Cheesy garlic bread</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Fruit cocktail</u>	30-Dec White chili Monterey jack cheese Corn bread Salad bar Apple sauce	31-Dec Dixieland shortcake Black eyed peas Garden salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. Banana (98)	AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 		CLOSED
					2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.	CLOSED