

April

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

2006

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

## 2nd Annual Amargosa Days

By Jan Cameron

Mark your calendars for April 28-29 to attend the 2nd Annual Amargosa Days. The Amargosa Valley Improvement Association (AVIA) and the Amargosa Valley Town Advisory Board are sponsoring Amargosa Days at the park and town Community Center (gym). Events will include the second Miss Amargosa contest, a parade, a horseshoe tournament, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Amargosa Boat Races, food and fun in the park and many other events.

Applications for the Miss Amargosa contest may be picked up at the Town Office or the Library. Applicants must be ages 12-19 and must live in Amargosa Valley. Sportswear, talent and dressy-fashion wear will be judged.

Start building your boats now to "sail or row" down Farm Road. Good imaginations, home-built "boats", three-person teams (two with plenty of leg power) are needed. A permanent plaque in the Community Building commemorates the winners of the Amargosa Boat Races. Applications and rules may be picked up at the Town Office or Library.

Prizes will be given by for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all judged events, and there will be special awards for certain things in some events. If you wish to sponsor or coordinate an event, contact Shelly at the Town Office at 372-5459.

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### Amargosa Valley Art Guild

The Amargosa Valley Art Guild is for any artists and artisans or others who are interest in learning and supporting the arts. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the AV Senior Center. Dues are \$20 per year and may be paid over time. Individuals who do not wish to participate, but who want to support the development of art in the Amargosa Valley, may become a Supporting Member through a donation of \$20. Donations may be given to Nina Weller or Jean Adams at the Amargosa Community Library or Shelly Kadrmas at the Town Office.

The Art Guild holds an Art and Craft Show each June. Work displayed for show or sale is not juried. However, prizes and ribbons are given for Best Art (Adult and Junior), Best Fabric Art, Best Heritage Art and Best Display. So start working on your art or crafts or needlework or quilts and get ready for the show.

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### TAI CHI IN THE PARK

Tai Chi in the Park has moved. The Tai Chi classes are being held in the Community Building (Gym) at 9:00 am, Monday and Thursday. When the weather improves, we will move the classes to the park.

03/23/2006 – CEMETERY COMMITTEE MTG 7 PM - CC  
03/30/2006 – TOWN BOARD MTG – 7 PM – CC

**MARCH**

04/04/2006 – AMERICAN LEGION 7 PM – VFW POST  
04/05/2006 – ART GUILD MTG 6 PM – SENIOR CENTER  
04/11/2006 - A.V. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT MTG 7 PM – HALL #1  
04/13/2006 – PLANNING COMMITTEE MTG – 7 PM – CC  
04/18/2006 - LADIES AUXILLARY 6 PM & VFW 7 PM – VFW POST  
04/19/2006 – MEMORIAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE MTG 7 PM - CC  
04/27/2005 – TOWN BOARD MTG – 7 PM – CC  
04/28 & 29/2006 – AMARGOSA DAYS  
(Queen Contest, Dinner, Parade, Swap Meet, all day fun)

**APRIL**

05/02/2006 - AMERICAN LEGION 7 PM – VFW POST  
05/03/2006 - ART GUILD MTG 6 PM – SENIOR CENTER  
05/09/2006 - A.V. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT MTG 7 PM – HALL #1  
05/11/2006 – PLANNING COMMITTEE MTG – 7 PM – CC  
05/14/2006 – E.M.T.'S MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH – 10 AM - CC  
05/16/2006 - LADIES AUXILLARY 6 PM & VFW 7 PM – VFW POST  
05/25/2005 – TOWN BOARD MTG – 7 PM – CC

**MAY**

CC = COMMUNITY CENTER – 821 E. AMARGOSA FARM ROAD  
SENIOR CENTER = 443 E. DESERT SENIOR LANE  
VFW = VFW POST 6826, 1835 E. WHITESANDS AVENUE  
HALL #1 = A.V.F.D. 853 E. AMARGOSA FARM ROAD

**LOCATIONS**

**COULD THERE BE A POOL IN YOUR FUTURE?**

The Amargosa Valley Town Advisory Board, with the help of Town Secretary, Shelly Kadrmaz, and community resident Perry Souza, are trying to build a swimming pool for the community. We put together a presentation, and asked the Nye County Commission to recommend us for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund the pool. These are very difficult grants to get because the entire state gets limited funding (\$2.2 million) from the US Department of Agriculture. Each county and incorporated town then recommends candidates to receive the grants. Four proposals were made to the Board of County Commissioners. County staff advised the BOCC that our project would not be funded by the CDBG Committee unless we had a Preliminary Engineering Report

Patricia Cox made a motion, seconded by Gary Hollis, to select our project as one of the two proposals the County was allowed to recommend. However, due to staff concerns, our proposal was downsized to a request for funding for the design, environmental work and planning necessary to build the pool. The BOCC voted in favor of our revised proposal

This is actually a good thing. Any step forward is going the right direction. We will make a presentation to the CDBG Committee in March. If our project is selected for a grant, we will be able to do all of the necessary design and planning to build and maintain the pool. We will also have the planning documents necessary to find other funding sources to help build the pool. Due to Katrina and other natural disasters, building materials are very costly. So the estimated cost of building an enclosed pool, dressing rooms and office is \$800,000. Outside funding will be necessary, unless there is an "angel" out there who wants to make a BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB donation to our community (or several Angels who make smaller ones).

An indoor pool will provide a few jobs and year-round exercise and recreation opportunities for everyone in the community. We plan to design the 50'X34' pool for racing, lap swimming, water aerobics, water volleyball, and fun. A kiddie-pool is also planned. Watch this publication for future developments.

The Amargosa Valley Library provides many services including Internet, copying, faxing and Notary as well as lending books, magazines, videos and DVD's. We can also get materials from other Nevada Libraries on request.

April 2 - 8 is National Library Week. come check out your library!

We have 4 computers for the public to use for Internet, word processing and many other applications. These computers are available on a first come first serve basis, but homework and research always have priority. Please always remember to sign in and out when using a computer. There is a 30-minute limit if someone is waiting to use a computer unless arrangements are made in advance for special projects. Students must have a form signed by their parents giving them permission to use the computers and the Internet. Chat rooms are not allowed and game playing is allowed only if the computers are not busy.

The Friends of the Library also sponsor movies (usually scheduled on Friday nights) at the community center and are shown on a 10-foot screen. Admission is \$ 1.00 and there are hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, soda and candy for sale, so come join us for dinner and a movie. All the proceeds go to purchase new DVD's for the library. Watch for flyers announcing movies and dates. The April movie is: The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on Friday, April 7th. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the movie will start at 6:00 PM.

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***From This Corner of the World***

It's time to plant your garden. Yes, I know, it seems to be too early. But had you planted broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower in August, you would have been harvesting them soon. And had you added some spinach and lettuce you could have eaten them all winter. They love cool weather. Frost is rarely a significant issue (here), as long as they get some sun during the day. Anything related to an onion planted last fall would be ready this March (earlier for bunching onions which grow all winter). But, if you didn't plant a winter crop, now is the time to plant all of the above for this spring. Waiting much later will not give them enough time to produce before it gets too hot. So get out your hoes and shovels and rakes, and get going. Nothing tastes better than fresh-grown vegetables.

This is also a good time to get your swamp coolers ready for the season, if you didn't clean them and change their pads in the fall. Prune your trees and rake your leaves. (And remember to do your warm up exercises first.)

And, since it is early in the year, make a resolution to get more exercise. Walk, ride a bike, play basketball, play Tai Chi, do SOMETHING. The more you do, the better you'll feel. And go plant your garden!

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# Senior Center Menu      MARCH/APRIL 2006

<b>27</b> Ham Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tossed Salad Pear Crisp	<b>28</b> Oven Baked Chicken Corn on the cob Mac Salad Broc-Cheddar Soup Jello Fruit	<b>29</b> BBQ Pork Ribs Scalloped Potatoes Mustard Greens WW Bread Apples Milk	<b>30</b> Beef Stew Noodles Salad Bicuits Honey Fruit Cup	<b>31</b> Mexicorn Pie Beef Veg Soup Salad Orange
<b>3</b> Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa Taco Soup Fruit Jello	<b>4</b> Lemon Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Tossed Salad Bread Pudding	<b>5</b> Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Spinach Salad WW Bread Peach Butter	<b>6</b> BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Celery Soup Corn Jello Fruit	<b>7</b> Beef Stroganoff & Noodles Squash Spinach Salad WW Bread Apple Butter
<b>10</b> Tuna Casserole Veg Medley Sliced Tomatoes WW Bread Apple Butter Date Bar	<b>11</b> Chicken Cacciatore Carrots Cucumbers w SC Roll Rice Pudding	<b>12</b> Spaghetti Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread PB Cookies	<b>13</b> Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Ham & Bean Soup Peaches Tapioca Pudding	<b>14</b> Easter Dinner Ham Yams Veg Medley Tossed Salad Ambrosia Carrot Cake
<b>17</b> Chicken Ala King Noodles Spinach Tossed Salad Fruit Jello	<b>18</b> French Dip Sand Brussel Sprouts Barley Soup Tator Tots Berry Parfait	<b>19</b> Mex Corn Pie Beef Veg Soup Salad Orange	<b>20</b> Baked Fish Broc Stuffed Potato Beet Salad Carrots WW bread Apple Butter	<b>21</b> Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Mixed Veggies Salad Oatmeal Cookies

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