

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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PLEASE WATCH YOUR CHILDREN AND BE ALERT

Once again an incident has occurred in the Amargosa Valley and we all need to be extra careful. A vehicle pulled into a driveway and attempted to get a child in the car while the child was playing outside. The Nye County Sheriff's Office is still watching the bus stops and has increased patrols. If anyone has any information about this incident you are asked to please call the Sheriff's Office at 372-5345. As you are all aware we live in a very spread out, large area and we only have a few deputies so we are asking you to watch for anything out of the ordinary.

It's the time of year that the weather is getting nicer and the days are getting longer so our children are out and about more. Make sure you know where they are, what they are doing and check on them often. It only takes a minute for them to disappear. I'm not writing this article to cause panic I just feel that once again we need to be made aware of these incidents and be reminded that times are changing and we need to be really careful. Once again if you have any information about these incidents please call the NCSO at 775-372-5345.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual cemetery cleanup will be held on May 5th 2007, at the cemetery at 10:00 A.M. We will be doing general cleanup, so bring your rakes and hoes and wheelbarrows. We will also be helping volunteers from the Horizon Academy spread new rock. Jade Robinson, Director of the Academy and a Town Board member, has arranged for a donation of rock for some of the driveways. So come help. A hotdog lunch will be provided for volunteers.

**BEING A VOLUNTEER IS
GOOD FOR YOUR
HEART & SOUL**

WIN A TRUCK!!!!

VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION is having its **ANNUALst MEETING** on **APRIL 21** in Amargosa and you could drive home a winner!! Our Annual Meeting will be held in Amargosa Valley, NV. at the Community Center on April 21st with registration starting at 10:30AM. There will be a luncheon, a speaker and fantastic prizes*, including this 1991 Ford F-150, 2-Wheel Drive, XLT Lariat.

Bring the kids – there will be fun and games for them too. Need transportation? Contact us by April 16 if you would like to take a bus ride to Amargosa! **For more information contact our main office at 775-727-5312.**

**Must be present to win and a VEA member*

SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

On Wednesday April 11th and Thursday April 12th, 2007, from 12:00 A.M. until 5:00 A.M. there will be a scheduled power outage so that maintenance can be performed on our power system.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The library is pleased to announce that it will be offering extended hours for the Spring & Summer. We will be open late on Mondays and Thursdays.

Mon. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Tues., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Closed on Sunday

MS. SENIOR NYE COUNTY PAGEANT

The Ms. Senior Nye County Pageant will be held in the Amargosa Valley Community Building on, Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. The doors will open at approximately 1:30 P.M.. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Interviews with the Judges will be held in the morning. Starting at 2:00 P.M., the nine contestants will perform their talent and then show their formals and talk about their philosophies of life. Other entertainment will be provided between segments of the pageant. The pageant will last approximately two hours. A no-host Queen's Reception will be held at the Longstreet at 5:00 P.M.. The winner of the pageant will compete in the Ms. Senior Nevada Pageant in August in Las Vegas. Come support these ladies in their Age of Excellence!

THANK YOU

From Jean Adams

I would like to thank every one for all the good wishes for a happy retirement.

A special thanks to Shelly Kadrmas for all her hard work coordinating and setting up a wonderful potluck dinner, and to my daughter Diane for her movie tribute.

Thanks to all for attending, the meal was great as always and everyone seemed to have a good time.

LOCAL HISTORY EVENT

By: Jean Adams

The Boomtown Committee and the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a local history event Friday, April 20th 2007.

The event consists of a trip following the Manly/Rogers/Bennett/Arca group of the Death Valley 49ers from Amargosa to Death Valley. There will be stops along the way to discuss various events.

We will meet at the Longstreet Casino parking lot to car pool and depart at 1:00 P.M. We will be returning to Longstreet between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. Due to warm weather, be sure to bring cool water, sunscreen and an umbrella if you are sensitive to the sun.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions please call Jean Adams at 372-1343.

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

As I sit here writing this column, the wind is blowing. (What a surprise, huh!) It has been blowing for several days, but today is the worst yet. It doesn't help that the temperature dropped about 20 degrees from yesterday and the sun is hiding behind clouds. One would think that I would be used to wind. I grew up on the western edge of The Dust Bowl, that part of the plains in the middle part of the country that has a lot of dry-land farming, cattle ranches, feedlots, and such. We were never sent home for a snow day, but we were sent home several times for dust storms so thick that the school bus drivers had trouble delivering my friends to their country homes.

I frequently say that I carry my own sunshine with me. But the fact is that I need to recharge my battery, preferably daily. And today isn't a good recharge day. So I sit here trying to think of something positive to write and am coming up blank. Well, almost.

My male Himalayan just undulated the length of the house. He is very large, with a flat face, large blue eyes, lots of hair and extra skin panels on his tummy to make the hairs hang in proper rows. When he "runs", his hair undulates, making him look like he is running through hair waves. It never fails to bring a smile. And, when I went out to turn on the water in the garden, our dog, Munch, gave me a knee-lick, her sign of pure love. Another smile. And the outdoor girls (an adopted momma kitty and her two daughters) talked to me as I made my rounds. Three smiles in one morning aren't bad.

Add to that the fact that we just celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary. And this is my husband's third week home in a row. (He usually travels five days a week.) And, I guess, I have a lot to smile about. I am really very fortunate. So what's a little wind, a cloudy sky, a chilly temperature, when you have what I do: a wonderful husband, terrific friends, loving pets and many opportunities to learn and grow. I hope that you can find something to smile about too.

SMILING IS CONTAGIOUS ☺

AMARGOSA DAYS "2007"

Amargosa Days will be held on Memorial Weekend this year, May 25th and 26th. This year we will be holding a Talent Contest, Chili Cook-Off and Design a Sign Contest that will be held on Friday Night. The Parade, 2K/5K Race, Boat Race, Swap Meet, Kids Games, Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday. For information on the 2K/5K Race please contact Andrea at 372-1996 for all other info please contact Shelly at 372-5459. Fun, friends, family and food. Please mark your calendars to spend the week-end at the Park.

A MULTI-GENERATIONAL BUILDING

By: Jan Cameron

As many of you probably know, many years ago (early 1970's), the Williamsons donated ten acres of land at what is now the intersection of Williamsons and Desert Senior to Amargosa Valley for use by the seniors in the community. The current building was built shortly thereafter. It became the home of the Nye County Senior Nutrition Program services and Meals-on-Wheels for Amargosa Valley. That building has served us well. But it has more than its share of problems.

The utilities are extremely high (about \$650/month). It has plumbing and drainage problems. The kitchen needs to be entirely remodeled to meet current code. There is limited space for anything other than eating. And our very active group of seniors is bursting with things to do and has no where to do them. However, the number of seniors who participate regularly at the current center (around 30) and those to whom we deliver meals (between 12-16), do not justify a new building for senior use only.

We have also, as you know if you read this publication, been working toward a community swimming pool. And many of us would love to have a local gym. And the Library has outgrown its walls (if Jean Adams and her staff hadn't had shoehorns, we would have burst the walls long before now). To continue to meet community needs, we really need to expand the available Library space. And we don't really have enough rooms for all of the large and small groups that need to, or would like to, get together.

There seems to be, relatively speaking, a lot of money available through grants for senior-related purposes—certainly more than the grant money for community recreational facilities, like pools. So, I asked Eileen Christensen, a consultant to the county, to look for grant funds for the pool and Senior Center. She found that other communities (including Henderson, NV) are getting grants to build multipurpose facilities, including Senior Centers with swimming pools and other types of facilities that are available for use by the entire community. The fact that they help seniors provides the impetus for the funding. But the use by other organizations and the public at large helps to fund the management and maintenance of them.

Eileen is also talking to professors at UNLV about using their graduate students, under the direction of qualified professionals, to help us design useful, maintainable facilities.

We are seriously looking at this type of approach. The facilities would probably be at the southwest corner of Amargosa Farm Road and School Lane, but may end up elsewhere, depending upon land availability and some other factors. A Committee was created by the Senior Nutrition Program to collect ideas and issues related to this proposed facility. If you have any of either, please contact Dave Steele (1001), Curt Stengel (5238), Pat Minshall (5401) or any member of the Senior Project Council or Town Advisory Board. We will keep you posted.

FUN STUFF TO DO

Tuesdays "Arts & Crafters"

Meeting @ 10:00 A.M @ the Senior Center. Bring your own art or craft to work on, or come and learn a new one. There are various materials available for use and people to help you get started. You do not have to be a senior to join us.

Thursday, April 12th 2007, 5:30PM, Movie night @ the senior center. Showing "The illusionist", magic, romance, drama and an ending that will leave you breathless. Free, you do not have to be a senior to join us. We might have popcorn and soft drinks to buy.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
WATCH YOUR CHILDREN CLOSELY**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

04-01-07 EMT'S AMBULANCE HALL 9:A.M
04-03-07 AMERICAN LEGION 7:P.M. VFW
04-04-07 ART GUILD SENIOR CTR 6:P.M.
04-10-07 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7:P.M.
04-10-07 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
04-12-07 PLANNING COMMITTEE C.C. 7 P.M.
04-14-07 MS. SENIOR NYE COUNTY C.C.
04-17-07 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6:P.M.
04-17-07 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7: P.M
04-21-07 V.E.A. ANNUAL MTG 10:A.M. C.C.
04-21-07 CAR WASH/BAKE SALE 10: A.M. C.C.
04-23-07 SR PROJECT COUNCIL SC 5:30 P.M.
04-26-07 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

By: Sam Eddington

The Amargosa Valley Library is preparing to order new, redesigned library cards, and we want YOU to do the designing! The design on the front of our new cards will be determined by a contest that is open to all members of the Amargosa Valley community.

Designs must be able to fit on a 2 1/8" high by 3 3/8" wide card. All entries must be single-color designs that can be printed on a background that is either blue, green, gray, or pink. (Please submit your design on a white background, as this makes the process of printing the cards easier; if you wish, you may indicate what the appropriate background color should be.) The design must contain the words "Amargosa Valley Library."

Entries should either be submitted directly to the library on a clean piece of paper suitable for scanning, or electronically to library@amargosavalley.com as an attachment. Multiple entries per person are permissible.

The deadline for entry is May 1st, 2007. The winner will be determined by the library, and will be announced on June 1st. The winner will receive a \$50 prize, and will see his or her design on all of the library's new cards!

DRAMA CLUB

The response for a Drama Club has been very positive so on that note we are going to give it a try. Because of the time and dedication it takes to make this program work we will not begin until after Amargosa Days. The first meeting will be held on Monday, June 4th, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

JOHN HOPKINS CANCER AWARENESS RIDE

Last year we had the pleasure of meeting with a group of students who bike ride across the United States to raise awareness for cancer. Once again they have chosen our town to spend the night.

The will arrive here on Friday, July 20th, 2007 and depart on Saturday morning. This means we will be having a pot-luck to feed them dinner so once again please mark your calendars and join in welcoming these students to our Community.

For more information please contact Shelly at the Town Office 372-5459.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON IS HERE !!!!!

It's that time of the year again and the kids are ready to Play Ball. In order for the Beatty/Amargosa Little League (B.A.L.L.) to be able to function many volunteers are needed. Please take the time this year to spend quality time with your child and volunteer your time to the League. You can volunteer as a coach, umpire, team Mom or Dad or concession worker. A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Center. For more information contact Shelly at the Town Office 372-5459.

CAR WASH & BAKE SALE DURING V.E.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Get your car washed and buy goodies from the bake sale on Saturday, April 21st, 2007, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., while attending the Valley Electric Association Annual Meeting. The car wash and bake sale will be held in the parking lot by the Fire Department/ Sheriff's Office.

If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale please contact Shelly at the Town Office 372-5459.

All proceeds go towards the Amargosa Desert Memorial Cemetery Beautification project.

HAPPY EASTER !!!

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: APRIL 07

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	2-Apr HERB BAKED CHICKEN POTATO WEDGES PEAS/CARROTS SALAD BAR YOGURT PIE	3-Apr MEXICAN MEAT BALLS BROWN RICE SEASONED ZUCCHINI GARDEN SALAD CAESAR DRESSING CORN TORTILLA 33	4-Apr APPLE PORK CHOPS BAKED SWEET POT SALAD FRENCH DRESSING CRACKED WHEAT BR KRISPIE TREATS 138	5-Apr OPEN FACE TURKEY SANDWICH/MWBREAD MASHED POTATO GRAVY GREEN BEAN CASS JELL-O W/ FRUIT	6-Apr BAKED SNAPPER FILET OVEN FRIES COLE SLAW CARROT CAKE	CLOSED
CLOSED	9-Apr CORN/POTATO CHOWDER TUNA SALAD SAND WW BREAD SALAD BAR AMBROSIA	10-Apr CHICKEN POT PIE BROCCOLI/CHEESE SOUP SALAD BAR PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES	11-Apr BEAN & CHEESE BURRITO SPANISH RICE CARROT RAISIN SALAD VANILLA PUDDING	12-Apr PEPPER STEAK BROWN RICE TOMATO/VINEGAR ROLL/PEACH BUTTER DUTCH APPLE CAKE 125	13-Apr CHICKEN TETRAZINI MIXED VEGETABLES BROCCOLI SALAD WW DINNER ROLL APPLE BUTTER CHERRY CUP 47	CLOSED
CLOSED	16-Apr SWISS STEAK BAKED POTATO W/ COLBY JACK CHEESE SOUR CREAM/CHIVES HERB VEG. MEDLEY PEACH BUTTER 44	17-Apr SPANISH OMELET STEAMED BROCCOLI CORN BREAD SALAD BAR FRUIT COCKTAIL TAPIOCA PUDDING	18-Apr STUFFED PEPPER SPINACH SPAGHETTI MIXED GREENS ITALIAN DRESSING GARLIC BREAD NECTARINE 61	19-Apr CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE REFRIED BEANS BROCCOLI SALAD CHIPS/SALSA JELL-O DELIGHT	20-Apr CLAM CHOWDER CHEF SALAD CRACKERS APRICOT CRISP	CLOSED
CLOSED	PROJECT COUNCIL 4/23 PORK ROAST W/MASH POTATO/GRAVY GREEN BEANS COTTAGE CHEESE APPLE CRISP	24-Apr MEAT LOAF RICE CASSEROLE BEETS/ORANGE SCE FR. CARROTS/CELERY 7 GRAIN BREAD PEACH BUTTER 86	4-25 BIRTHDAY BBQ CHICKEN POTATO WEDGES CORN ON COB SALAD BAR PINEAPPLE CAKE	26-Apr BEEF VEG. SOUP MEXICAN CORN PIE MIXED SALAD GREENS FRENCH DRESSING FRESH ORANGE 45	27-Apr SPAGHETTI/ITALIAN SAUSAGE STEAMED SPINACH GARDEN SALAD GARLIC BREAD OATMEAL COOKIES	CLOSED
CLOSED	30-Apr LIVER & ONIONS MEXICORN TOMATOES VINEGARETTE MASHED POTATO WW BREAD APPLE BUTTER 101			MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 1% MILK SERVED DAILY	CARRYOUT MEALS AVAILABLE FROZEN MEALS AVAILABLE \$1.00	closed

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LOCAL PATRON

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 04-08-07 – HAPPY EASTER***
04-11-07 - SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE
04-14-07 - MS. SENIOR NYE COUNTY PAGEANT
04-20-07- LOCAL HISTORY EVENT
04-21-07- V.E.A. ANNUAL MEETING
04-21-07 - CAR WASH & BAKE SALE
05-05-07 – CEMETERY CLEAN-UP
05-25TH & 26TH – AMARGOSA DAYS

