

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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## **SENIOR POT LUCK & AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 P.M.**

### **GOODS & SERVICES**

Join us at the Community Center for food, drink and great stuff to buy. There are items too numerous to mention all but among them are:

- Load of gravel delivered
- 2 hours electric work
- Hair cut
- Cheesecake
- Small engine repair
- Pool lessons
- Screened room
- 1 year safe deposit box
- Your choice decorated cake
- 2 cords of wood
- Laminated business cards
- Oil change
- Cross stitch
- Shooting lessons

Bring your favorite dish to share and join us. For further information or to donate other goods call Pat @ 5401 or Tammy @ the senior center 5413.

### **WEDNESDAY ARTS & CRAFTS**

Join us every Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for arts & crafts. Learn a new skill or bring something your working on. We do have various supplies that can be used and people that can help with various projects.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Thanks to the Amargosa Community and area Businesses, the AV/Beatty Scholarship Committee awarded \$10,000 to Amargosa Valley and Beatty Graduates last year. With your help four students are successfully completing their first year at UNLV. We are asking for your continued support this year. It is more important than ever to help our students to obtain a good education and assist them in their journey toward a successful life. We are all stressed with rising costs of living, and students and their families are struggling with the added expense of college.

Interested sponsors and committee members will be attending a dinner April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Beatty High School to meet this year's applicants. Donations of any amount will help us meet our goal and every dollar donated goes toward scholarships. We hope that you will join us in enabling our students to further their education by sending your donations to:

**AV/Beatty Scholarship Fund**  
**% Jean Adams**  
**PO Box 83**  
**Amargosa Valley, NV 89020**

Checks may also be given to Shelly at the Amargosa Town Office.

If you have any questions or are interested in meeting the applicants contact Jean Adams at 372-1343.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!**

## ***BUDGET DEFICIT IN AMARGOSA VALLEY***

Amargosa Valley had a budget deficit of \$70,000 for FY07 (ended June 30, 2007). Actually, we had a deficit of about \$4,000 going into FY07. The Town Advisory Board and staff first became aware of these deficits on February 14, 2008.

There are many reasons for the deficits. The Town and County staff have all agreed that there will be no finger-pointing, which is appropriate. The need is to fix the problems and go forward.

For those of you who just have to know, there were a lot of reasons why this happened. First, during the last three years, the County has had three different Controllers/Budget Managers. All of these ladies were new to the County. Most, if not all, of their staff were either new to the budget management process or new to the County or both. The first job these capable ladies had to tackle was to get their arms around the budgets directly managed by the Board of County Commissioners. These are many and varied and are probably more than a full-time job for anyone.

These ladies and their staff also had no way of knowing what training any of the Town Boards or Administrative personnel had. They also, understandably, could assume that, since the Town Administrative Staff were approved to access the County financial management system, they were also trained to know that what information was in it and how to use it.

Towns have had no training on the financial management end of the system. The Town staffs were trained to enter time cards and purchase requisitions. And each year we were notified as to what our anticipated income was.

We planned to that number, and spent according to our plan. Until recently, if we didn't spend it, we lost it (any surplus reverted to the County general fund). Capital purchases used to be defined as anything over \$500. They are now anything over \$3000.

Could we have asked more questions? Sure. But just as the new Controllers couldn't have known how little information we had, we didn't know that questions needed to be asked.

In FY07, all of the above applied. Plus, we started the year with a deficit we didn't know about. We expended around \$30,000 on a one-time equitability payment that we understood would come out of other funding (it didn't). Equipment that we thought we were paying for out of capital funding came out of our operating account. We spent to what we thought our budget was, and have now found out that our approved budget was less. There was a decrease in revenues due to the closure of some businesses, etc., etc., etc.

So what are we doing about it? First of all there will NOT be an increase in your taxes. Amargosa Valley is already at the top of the allowable tax rate (as is every community in Nye County except Pahrump). We have tightened our belts and will continue to do so. The Town is not purchasing anything except necessary supplies for the Fire Department. We will be asking the Board of County Commissioners to cover our deficiency so that we can begin FY09 (starting July 1, 2008) with a clean slate. The Deputy County Manager and Controller have already developed and scheduled training for the Town Administrative staffs in Amargosa and Beatty so that they can access and utilize the County system to plan and manage our budgets.

Whether or not the BOCC does cover that deficit, we will still have to take some drastic actions. Our revenues are down this year and projected to be lower next year. Just like your homes, our expenses for fuel, electricity, and propane are up. We, along with the County staff, are looking for other sources of revenue – either revenues that haven't been coming to us that should have been or things that we can do to bring new funds into the community. We are also looking at any and all options for cutting costs. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

We will get through this, but the next few years are going to be difficult for all of us. Please hang in there with us as we continue to try to make your Community Center, Park and Fire Department among the best in the County, while still working our way through these difficult financial times.

### ***FISH AND WILDLIFE PARTNERS PROGRAM***

A program was presented by Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge at the February 2008 Town Advisory Board Meeting. Listed below is the link for the website if you are interested in the program.

<http://ecos.fws.gov/partners/>

### ***VALLEY ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING***

On Saturday, April 19, 2008 beginning at 10:30 A.M. Valley Electric Association will hold it Annual Meeting in Beatty at the Beatty Community Center.

### ***OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW (LIBRARY DIRECTOR, THAT IS)***

By Sam Eddington

It's with mixed emotions that I have to announce that I'll be leaving both Amargosa Valley and the library here in the middle of April. I'll be moving to Maryland, and taking a job there with the Carroll County Public Library. It's an exciting professional opportunity for me, but I will greatly miss this library, and the people here whom I've come to know and love during my time here.

I want to thank the library board for being so supportive, Erin, Osvaldo, Nina, and all of the other library volunteers and helpers for making my job much easier, and Jean Adams and the Friends of the Library for their dedication and service. And I especially want to thank the residents of the Valley and patrons of the Library. You've made me feel welcome and appreciated from the first day I arrived in Amargosa Valley, and for that I will always be grateful.

Erin Booth, who has been working at the library since last summer, will be taking over as the Interim Director after my departure. I hope that you all will show her the same kindness and generosity that you've shown to me. I believe the library will be in good hands, and that you will all enjoy getting to know Erin better.

Thanks again!

### ***LOST DOG***

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 a 10 year old German Shepard got out of her yard and has been missing since then. If you have seen her please call Lana or Ben Hanas at 372-1331. She is a standard brown and black German Shepard with a red collar and she answers to "Ruby".

## ***DO YOU NEED A TV DECODER??***

The short answer is: probably not – unless you are one of the very few people in Amargosa Valley who receives Las Vegas and/or Pahrump TV stations through an antenna or rabbit ears.

A few months ago, someone announced at the Senior Center that we were all going to need decoders by March 2009. I had been hearing about, but not paying much attention to, new reports about the transition. After that comment, I decided I better start paying attention. I started reading and then went online to research the change to digital broadcasting.

Nothing I read was very clear. The articles usually said that those of us with satellite or cable may not be affected. But if we were going to be affected, we only had a very short window within which to apply for the Federal rebate toward the decoder. What to do? Call my satellite provider seemed to be the answer. So call, I did. And the answer is DirectTV has been digital for a long time. So have most of the other satellite and cable providers. So, it is unlikely that you will need a decoder. If in doubt, call your satellite provider.

## ***SAND DUNES CLEAN-UP***

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M. there will be a clean-up held at the Sand Dunes. Please bring your 4 wheel drive (if you have one) and join us for a day of cleaning up our Sand Dunes. We would like to thank Pahrump Valley Disposal for the donation of a roll-off dumpster and also to the BLM field office for the bags, gloves and litter pick-up sticks. For more information contact Aaron Lynn 372-1653.

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

By: Jan Cameron

It has been 11.5 years since I drove out to Amargosa Valley to go to brunch in Beatty with Robert and Rick Davis, from Green Acres (Sharon was at a bowling tournament). I remember thinking how beautiful it was. Not something I would want to paint; not my palette, lovely nonetheless. The mountains are real mountains, rather than the imitation ones of the east. And they rise majestically from the bowls of the desert. The air is so clear; and the spaces are so open. It reminded me, in a way, of the place where I spent my childhood in southeastern Colorado. Then we married (11 years ago), and I became a full-time resident six months later. We had traded Robert's little orange house for a larger one, and then added on twice, making it fully ours. I merged our things into one set—though Robert still only sees one cutting board in the entire kitchen.

I still remember the first fire I set in the burn barrel, and Robert's surprise that I not only didn't mind, I enjoyed it. And clearing the ground for my first garden – six slightly-raised, 20-foot long beds. Those have since shrunk to four beds and serve as my herb garden. We then cleared a quarter acre for my garden, tilled in seven belly-dump loads of composted manure (back when it was free), built four-foot-wide, forty-foot-long, two-foot-high beds, and I planted everything. Robert ran for the Town Advisory Board and won. I was appointed to the Library Board. And I met so many lovely people (and a few not so lovely). And I was home.

We learned that Robert was going to be laid off, and I cleared the ground for the orchard, filling the pickup each day for him to empty each evening. Clearing ground is a good way to get rid of frustrations. A lot has changed since then. Robert has been working on the road since our second year of marriage. I have gotten involved in a few more things in the community. We've planted most of the orchard. And cleared and planted the back 2.5. And set up an art studio for me and a shop for Robert.

Things have changed and yet they are the same. I still think the Valley is beautiful, and love the open spaces. The air is still mostly good. We have lost some wonderful people, but other wonderful people have moved here, or grown up to get involved. And I am still gardening, and painting, and involved. I am still home. Thanks for sharing it with me.

### ***VEGETABLE GARDENING CLASS REPRISE***

On March 12, the Library sponsored a class in vegetable gardening in the desert. Fifteen people attended and shared their questions and knowledge with each other and the presenter, Jan Cameron. If you missed the class or want to attend again, Jan will be teaching the class again (probably not exactly the same) on Tuesday, April 22, at the Beatty Library at 5:30 p. m. To get to the Library, go to the red light in Beatty and turn left. Drive two blocks to the "Library" sign and turn right. The Library is the domed building. (P.S.: I found "Heatwave" tomatoes at Star Nursery this year: 4" pots and six-packs. So, you don't have to drive to St. George.)

### ***JOB OPENING***

The Amargosa Valley Library District is currently seeking applicants for the position of Part-Time Library Assistant.

Duties of this position include filing, typing, managing invoices, and other general office work; staffing the circulation desk; shelving and organizing library materials; and other duties as assigned. The Part-Time Library Assistant reports directly to the Library Director.

We are looking for someone who is organized, reliable, and efficient. Excellent communication skills are a must, as this position requires public interaction. Some computer knowledge, including proficiency with Microsoft Office and Internet Explorer, is necessary.

Preferred qualifications include more extensive computer knowledge, a background in business, and instructional experience. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is a definite plus.

Interested parties should contact Erin Booth at (775) 372-5340, or inquire at the Amargosa Valley Library, 829 E. Farm Rd.

**THIS POSITION CLOSES APRIL 12, 2008.**

### ***200 BOOK DONATION***

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Amargosa School entered and won a reading sweepstakes sponsored by Scholastic Books and Whoopi Goldberg. The class was then given 2000 books for them to distribute where needed. 200 of those books were donated to the Amargosa Valley Library. Congratulations to the class and their teacher Ellice Dunsterville for their big win.



## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**



Come join us **Friday night, April 11<sup>th</sup>** . Doors open at  
6 PM, movie starts at 6:30 PM,  
at the  
Amargosa Valley Community Center

**Admission: \$1.00 donation**



*Pizza, chili, nachos, popcorn,  
candy and soda for sale  
Come join the fun!*



## **The Water Horse** **Legend of the Deep**

**Rating:** **PG** **Studio:** Columbia Tri/Star

**Run Time:** 112 minutes

*Sponsored by the Amargosa Valley Friends of the Library*

# **BIG SALE**

**Location: Fluid Tech, Inc. Facility**  
**287 E. Frontier (map on back)**  
**Amargosa Valley, NV 89020**

**Dates: April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

## **Office Furniture**

Desks, tables, file cabinets, lockers, fire proof cabinets, chairs, office cubicles, conference tables, copiers, storage shelves and more.

## **Welders**

Hobart Plasma Arc, Hobart Cyber Tig, Astro Arc Pipe Welder, Westinghouse AC/DC, P&H AC/DC Arc welder, AO Smith AC/DC and more.

## **Lathes**

Monarch 16" cy, Boye & Emmes 25", Monarch 10 x 20.

## **Generators**

Whisper Watt 40kW, Kohler 25 kW, Fermount 15kW, Cat 25kW.

## **Air Compressors**

Atlas diesel towable, Leroi gas towable

## **Tanks**

Various sizes of tanks from 200 gallon to 10,000 gallon

## **Drums**

Empty 55 gallon and 85 gallon

## **Miscellaneous Items**

Fosdick Milling Machine, Tanne Witz Band Saw, Wysong 10 gauge sheet bender, AAXON Pax can crusher, Shed Pax shredder, DoAll commercial band saw, Dake Press, Sand Blaster, scales, Electro drill press, Cambell air compressor, Toledo Platform scales, Northfield Jointer, Centrifuge, Battery Chargers, trailers, forklifts, Magliner six ton loading ramp, 1987 Chevy van, and more.

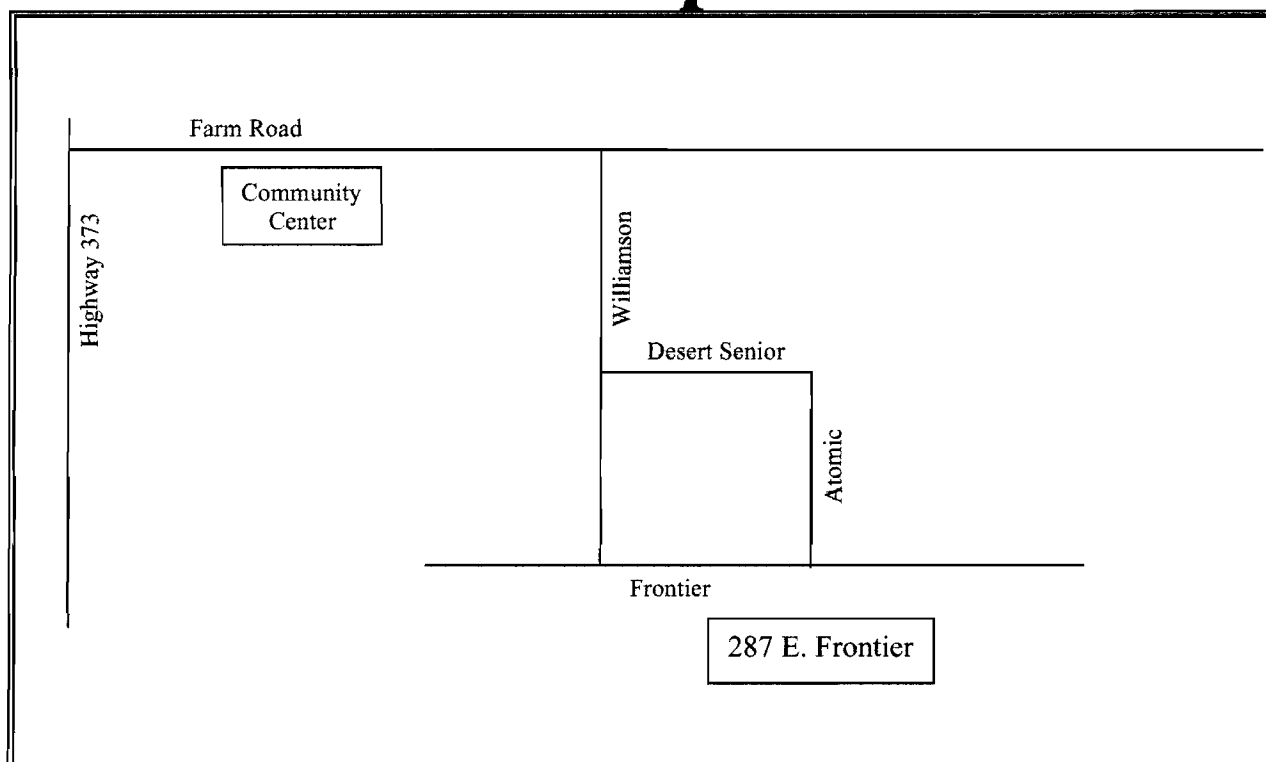
### Mining & Soil Processing Equipment

Duplex jigs, vibrating feeder, trammel, attrition scrubber, cyclones, 3 phase motors, hoppers, tank mixers, classifiers, shaker tables, concentrators, gravity separators, leach tanks, mixing equipment, dewatering screens, sala pumps, cyclone feed tanks, self priming centrifugal, sand auger, water feed tanks, conveyors and much more. Some of the processing equipment is skid mounted.

### Lab Equipment

Various size flasks, cylinders, funnels, beakers, burettes, pipettes, watch glasses, glass stoppers, crucibles, dropper bottles, jars, mortle and pestle, sample bottles, filtration apparatus, graduated cylinders and much more.

## Map





# MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

## MONTH OF: Apr-08

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	APR. 1 Tuna casserole with mixed veggies Cheesy garlic bread Pears and cottage cheese Salad bar	APR. 2 Baked chicken Baked beans Cole slaw Oatmeal cookies Pears	APR. 3 (3) Baked meat loaf Mashed pot. Steamed spinach, Lett. & tom. Sal. LS French dressing, 100% WW bread, Peach butter Chantilly fruit cup	APR. 4 Roasted veggie pizza Salad bar Mixed fruit cup cake	CLOSED	
CLOSED	APR. 7 Savory pork stir fry Rice Peaches Cinnamon muffin	APR. 8 (28) Tahitian chicken Rice casserole Braised red cabbage 7 Grain bread Margarine Tangerine	APR. 9 (139) Italian beef bake, Peas & carrots, Spinach salad FF frozen van. & strawberry yogurt, Cranberry apple juice drink	APR. 10 Macaroni and cheese with ham Broccoli Jell-o with fruit	APR. 11 Turkey stew with dumplings Cottage cheese peach cup Chocolate chip cookie	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR. 14 Clam chowder Chef Salad Crackers Apricot crisp	APR. 15 Liver and onions Mashed potato, Gravy Green beans Salad bar Strawberries and cream	APR. 16 (95) Chicken teriyaki Fried rice Layered salad Fresh orange Birthday cake	APR. 17 (14) Cheeseburger skillet Tossed salad Balsamic vinaigrette WW dinner roll Fruit cocktail Pink lemonade	APR. 18 Chinese sweet & sour vegetables Fried rice Spicy pork stir fry Salad bar	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR. 21 Chili spaghetti Green beans Jalapeno corn bread Salad bar Chocolate bundt cake	APR. 22 Blackened Cajun catfish Baby carrots Brown rice 7 Grain bread Vanilla ice-cream	APR. 23 Marinated pork kabobs Rice Broccoli stuffed potato Salad bar Brownies	APR. 24 (32) Chicken pasta primavera, Colorful salad, LS Italian dressing, Garlic bread Orange pineapple mold	APR. 25 (44) Swiss steak, Baked pot. with shredded Colby & jack cheese, FF sour cream, Chives, Herb vege. medley, 100% wheat bread Peach butter, Apple	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR. 28 (38) Chicken broccoli rice Beet salad, Apricot bran muffin LS margarine Honeydew, Cantaloupe fruit cup	APR. 29 (5) Soft taco Spanish rice Fruit salad Rainbow sherbet	APR. 30 Turkey bean soup Tuna stuffed tomato Apricot Bran muffin Peach butter Fresh mandarin orange			
			2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		

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Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

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## ECRWSS LOCAL PATRON

### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

***FLUID TECH – BIG SALE 04-05-08 thru 04-13-08***

***MOVIE NIGHT 04-11-08***

***POTLUCK & SERVICE AUCTION 04-12-08***

***V.E.A. ANNUAL MEETING IN BEATTY 04-19-08***

***PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 04-10-08***

***TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 04-24-08***

***SAND DUNES CLEAN-UP 04-26-08***

***ANYONE INTERESTED IN STARTING LOCAL SOFTBALL TEAMS PLEASE  
CONTACT KEN CAUSEY 775-727-6413!!!!!!***