

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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## THANK YOU

BY: Shelly Kadrmas

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park was another awesome event. I would like to take this time to thank all of the people who helped to put the event together and also to thank all of you who showed up to support the event.

We try each year to make the 4<sup>th</sup> of July better than it was the year before. The fireworks show gets a little bigger each year and the schedule of events is beginning to come together. We estimated that there were approximately 600 people in the Park by the time the fireworks show lit up the sky. That is an amazing number of people for our small town. Once again THANKS to all of you for all you do.

## STAND UP AND VOTE

BY: Jan Cameron

Every election is important. This one is no different. If you are not registered to vote, get busy – register. You may mail in your registration for the general election if you do so by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Or you may walk in to register in the Clerk's Office in Pahrump or Tonopah through 9:00 P.M. October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The primary is August 15<sup>th</sup>. This year for the first time, people from Amargosa Valley can vote early in Pahrump (rather than having to go to Tonopah). Early voting for the primary will take place from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse lobby, from Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. Or, you can vote in the Amargosa Valley Community Center from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The general election will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> (at the Community Building from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.). Early voting may be done in the Pahrump Courthouse at times and dates to be announced. Contact the Amargosa Valley Town Office (372-5459) for the dates and times for early voting.

## ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

The '06/'07 school year is just about ready to begin. The teachers will begin work on Thursday, August 24, 2006 and school will begin on Monday, August 28, 2006.

Amargosa Valley Elementary School is holding a "Get Ready for Kindergarten" program. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2006 they are eligible to attend a free 12 day Kindergarten Readiness program Monday – Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

For information to register please call: Mrs. Bates at 372-5647 between 1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. or Mrs. Williams at 372-1408 between 8:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

## FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

The Amargosa Valley Medical Clinic is offering free sports physicals for any child wishing to play Middle School or High School Sports.

The physicals will be offered Monday, August 14, 2006 through Friday, August 25, 2006. The hours at the clinic are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. then 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. To schedule an appointment please contact the Clinic at 372-5432.

Remember to bring your child's shot records and a completed physical form (available at the clinic) to the clinic for their appointment.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual "Christmas in the Nighttime Sky" will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2007. This will be the third year that we have held this event and each year the success has grown. The toys collected from this event go to the children in our Town who would not have a Christmas if not for your support. So please mark your calendars and help a child enjoy Christmas.

## **WONDERS NEVER CEASE!**

*BY: Jan Cameron*

Every year, Nye County and other entities potentially affected by the Yucca Mountain Project), receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PETT) money from the Department of Energy (DOE). These are negotiated amounts that are intended to compensate the potentially affected areas for money they don't get in taxes due to the land being used by the DOE. Several years ago, the Nye County Board of County Commission (BOCC) decided to put the money received into investment accounts and to spend only the earnings for various types of defined projects, (i.e., educational resources, capital improvements, etc.)

Historically, Amargosa Valley has received very little in PETT fund improvements. For many years, the Town Advisory Board asked for funds to build a swimming pool from PETT funds in the annual budget request, but didn't aggressively pursue PETT funds. For the last several years, the Town Advisory Board has asked for money for both the pool and to pave our Community Center parking lots. We have received nothing.

Once again this year, the committee of County staff created by the BOCC did not recommend either of the projects requested by Amargosa Valley for inclusion in the PETT funding plan. The exclusion of the pool funding was not surprising, since we recently got a grant to investigate the feasibility of building a pool. It is reasonable to expect that study to be done before building funds would be approved.

Jan Cameron, Chair of the Town Advisory Board, regularly attends the BOCC meetings to represent the interests of Amargosa Valley. She pointed out to the BOCC that we had received very little in the way of PETT funding over the years, even though we are the closest neighbor to Yucca Mountain. She requested that the BOCC reconsider the \$350K funding request for paving the Community Center parking lot. Commissioner Joni Eastley confirmed that we had repeatedly requested this project and noted that we were the only community not receiving any benefit under the PETT funding plan recommended by the Committee. She recommended including it in this year's spending plan. Commissioners Trummell and Hollis immediately agreed. The BOCC voted 5-0 to fund \$375 to pave the parking lots and driveways around the Community Center. This may cause some disruption while the work is being

done, but how wonderful it will be when we aren't driving through potholes and lakes on the way to community meetings and events. It will also do wonders to enhance the looks of our Community Center area.

## **CHECK OUT YOUR LIBRARY**

*BY: Jean Adams, Library Director*

The Amargosa Valley Community Library has 15,540 items available to you, and provides many services such as photo copying, sending faxes, a Notary Public, computer and internet use as well as providing all the regular library assistance.

The fact that we are small in size (approximately 2000 square feet) hasn't kept us from providing a lot of service to our community. In the last year residents and visitors have come through our doors over 13,150 times and have signed out over 14,000 items. We also have a contract with the Nye County School District to provide library serviced to our students. Classes come to the library on a weekly schedule to learn library skills and to sign out books.

We have added 2,025 items this past year alone. We have spent \$14,208 on materials (books, DVD's, magazines and computer software). We also received (and spent) \$4,181 in Legislative Collection Development Grant funds for books, a \$500 grant from the Nye County Superintendent for our children's library and the Friends of the Library purchased almost \$800 in DVD's with the money from movie nights. This is a total of almost \$20,000 in new materials we have provided for you along with the many donations we receive from people in our Community.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and donations, the library staff for their hard work and dedication and we hope that you will check out your library and take advantage of all we have to offer. There are two Thursdays left for Summer Reading Program, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. in the Community Center.

## **LIBRARY HOURS**

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri	- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday -	9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Saturday -	9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

*BY: Jan Cameron*

Amargosa Valley recently lost one of its angels. Most of you already know that, because almost half of you attended the funeral of Earlene Settlemire. By referring to her as an angel, I don't mean to imply that she was perfect. Earlene would never have claimed that designation. She was intelligent, hard-working, opinionated, and probably a little stubborn. She was also a dedicated EMT who had been part of our emergency services for many, many years: hence the "angel" designation.

Being an EMT or a fire fighter in Amargosa Valley is very difficult. Your life isn't your own because you are almost always on call. While others are enjoying Christmas dinner with their families, you are out putting out a fire and saving buildings and lives caused by someone's Christmas tree. Or you're on US 95 taking care of people in an accident on the way to their family for the holiday. Instead of attending your son or daughter's special school event, you are driving someone to town that fell off a ladder or had an appendicitis attack or other problem. You get to spend your weekends sliding down the Big Dune rescuing some idiot who tried to fly in an ATV and hit some other idiot "flying" from the other side. In the heat of the summer, you are in Ash Meadows fighting a brush fire to protect the Amargosa residents who live nearby.

You have to see strangers and friends and, sometimes, family, in the throes of serious illness or injury or death. And you have to pretend that they are all strangers and do what you have to do to try to save their lives.

No, being an EMT or Fire Fighter is certainly not easy. But those wonderful people who do both tell me that it is rewarding. Certainly not in money: they are not paid. The only real compensations are a job well done: a fire put out, a building or vehicle saved, a life saved. It takes a special kind of person to do these jobs. And they are all angels.

And we need more of them. Most of our volunteers have been with the two services for a very long time. Hence, they are getting older. We need some youngsters in their late teens, 20s, 30s or, even, 40s to volunteer. Training is provided for both the Emergency Services and the Volunteer Fire Department members. If you might be interested, call the Fire Department at 372-1111 or call the Ambulance Hall at 372-5656. And, if you don't want to become one, at least THANK one. They

are all special people. And you could be an angel, too.

## **NDEP TO HOLD HEARING ON DAIRY MANURE COMPOSTING INCREASES**

*BY: Jan Cameron*

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing on a request by the Ponderosa Dairy to increase its manure composting operations in Amargosa Valley. According to the NDEP fact sheet, if this revision application is approved, the applicable feedstock will increase 8.5%, the intermediate product will increase 57% and the finished product will increase 53%. "The Compost Plant will accept ground wood waste, manure and green material all of which is from the associated dairy." (Note: it is unclear whether or not the "associated dairy" means only those in existence in Amargosa Valley or includes the Pahrump Dairy or the company's holdings in other states.) Additional information on the application is available at the Town Office.

The public hearing will be held at the Amargosa Valley Community Center on Wed., August 30th at 6:00 P.M. NDEP staff and representatives of the dairy may be on hand as early as 4:00 P.M. to answer questions. If you have questions or concerns that you want to have addressed at the public hearing, they must be submitted in writing in advance of the hearing so that the hearing officer will be able to research and answer the concerns. Although the public will be able to speak and ask questions at the public hearing, in accordance with the regulations, only those materials submitted in writing before or at the meeting will become part of the public record.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, write to:

Jon Taylor, P.E.

Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Waste Management

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001

Carson City, NV 89701-5249

### **GOT NEWS!**

Call the Town Office with any news or announcements that you would like printed. We can make announcements such as new services to our Town, Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Baby or meetings you want listed.

## **SENIOR CENTER CHANGES**

*BY: Jan Cameron*

After three and one-half years as the Site Manager, LuAnn Britton is leaving to take a more full-time job at the Amargosa Valley Elementary and Middle School (and a part-time job at the Horizon Academy). LuAnn's last day is July 28th. The new Site Manager is Cynthia (Cindy) Pahnka. Cynthia, and her husband Dan, moved to Amargosa Valley last fall. She has been a substitute teacher during the past school year and has a degree in Social Work. We are looking forward to working with Cindy at the Center. Kathy Deer is still our cook, so the good food will continue to be served. Join us between 4:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday for good food, good company and lots of laughs. Seniors (60+ and their spouses) are asked to make a \$2 donation. Under 60, the charge is \$5. Children 12 and under the charge is \$3.

## **HOME CARE SERVICES IN AMARGOSA VALLEY**

*BY: Pam Hall*

The following companies provide home care in Amargosa Valley:

**Home Health Services of Nevada** – Through their Pahrump Branch (775) 727-5060. HHSN provides home care by physician referral. Currently the only service available is nursing care. There is no personal care or physical therapy. An RN can provide assessment, teaching, wound care or IV therapy under physician's orders. The service is paid for by Medicare, HMO's and most private insurance.

**Silver State Personal Care (formerly Southern Nevada Personal Care)** – (775) 537-1222 – Non medical personal care is provided in the home. This includes light housekeeping, personal care, in-home assistance. They are currently providing services but feel they would be able to should the need arise. The service is covered by Medicaid, Division of Aging and private pay. Contact their office for further information.

**Nathan Adelson Hospice** - Through their Pahrump Office (775) 751-6700 they provide end-of-life care. This care is available by physicians referral for people needing terminal care. Services are provided by nurses, nurses' aides, social worker and minister. Payment is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, HMO's and most private insurances.

## **AREA PLAN UPDATE**

The Area Plan Committee has been moving along very well. It is now time that we start gathering input from you. The Committee needs your ideas and input so that the Area Plan can work for all of us in the way our Valley is developed. We believe the best way to get your input is to let you know the ways that are available to contact us or to submit your ideas for consideration.

Dave Hall is the Chairman of the Area Plan Committee and is easiest to reach by e-mail at [dphall@avnv.net](mailto:dphall@avnv.net)

You can also contact the Town Office at [town@amargosavalley.com](mailto:town@amargosavalley.com), by mail at HCR 69 Box 401-W, by phone at 372-5459 or fax at 372-5362. Please have your comments and ideas to us by Friday, August 18, 2006.

Before the final draft of the Area Plan is presented to the BOCC we will hold workshop's so that the citizens of the Valley can see what is being presented.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

08-02-06 ART GUILD SENIOR CTR 6:P.M.

08-06-06 EMT'S AMBULANCE HALL 9: A.M.

08-??-06 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7:P.M.

08-08-06 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7:P.M.

08-08-06 AREA PLANNING MTG. C.C. 6: P.M.

08-08-06 LIBRARY BOARD 6:30 P.M.

08-14 thru 08-25-06

FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS @ CLINIC

08-15-06 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6:P.M.

08-15-06 V.F.W. V.F.W. POST 7: P.M.

08-17-06 PLANNING COMMITTEE C.C. 7 P.M.

08-22-06 AREA PLANNING MTG. C.C. 6 P.M.

08-28-06 SENIOR PROJECT COUNCIL SC 5:30

08-30-06 NDEP PUBLIC HEARING, C.C. 6: P.M.

08-31-06 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

## **ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU**

On July 21<sup>st</sup> we had a team of 27 university students who were biking their way across America to raise cancer awareness, stop in our Town for a potluck, presentation and then some much needed rest. These students are amazing for what they do and they are a great group of people. I would like to once again THANK all of you who joined in to feed them and make them welcome.



# MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: **Aug-06**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED		1-Aug TUNA STUFFED TOMATO TURKEY BEAN SOUP APRICOT BRAN MUFFIN PEACH BUTTER MANDARIN ORANGES MILK 5	2-Aug FRENCH DIP BRUSSEL SPROOUTS BARLEY SOUP TATER TOTS YOGURT PIE FRUIT	3-Aug TURKEY CHILI RYE CRACKERS SALAD APRICOT CRISP MILK 77	CHEF SALAD BROCCOLI-CHEDDAR SOUP CRACKERS BERRY PARFAIT MILK	CLOSED
CLOSED	7-Aug CHICKEN TERIYAKI FRIED RICE SALAD ORANGES MILK 95	8-Aug BBQ RIBS SCALLOPED POTATOS MUSTARD GREENS WW BREAD APPLES 105	9-Aug PORK ROAST MASHED POTATOES BROCCOLI NAVY BEAN SOUP PEACHES TAPIOCA PUDDING	10-Aug SPAGHETTI/MEAT SAUCE BAKED SQUASH SALAD BREAD/MARGARINE YOGURT POP 39	11-Aug TUNA SALAD SAND TURKEY BEAN SOUP CANTALOUPE COOKIES 75	CLOSED
CLOSED	14-Aug MEATBALL SUB SPLIT PEA SOUP CUCUMBERS/TOMATO ONION SALAD FRESH ORANGES MILK 100	15-Aug SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN BROWN RICE PEAS/CARROTS FRESH SPINACH OATMEAL DATE BAR 11	16-Aug STUFFED PEPPER NOODLES SALAD GARLIC BREAD FRESH FRUIT MILK 61	17-Aug CHICKEN SALAD SAND ONION SOUP BABY CARROTS CELERY STICKS PINK GRAPEFRUIT MILK 91	18-Aug WALDORF&CHEDDAR- SALAD CHIC NOODLE SOUP VANILLA YOGURT RASPBERRIES 94	CLOSED
CLOSED	21-Aug BBQ CHICKEN POTATO SALAD STEAMED SPINACH CORN ON COB BREAD/MARGARINE	22-Aug PEPPER STEAK BROWN RICE TOMATO VINEGARETT DUTCH-APPLE CAKE ROLL/PEACH BUTTER MILK 125	23-Aug VEGT. PASTA SALAD TOMATO SOUP RYE CRACKERS FRESH BANANAS FF BLUEBERRY YOGUR BD CAKE 82	24-Aug BAKED MEAT LOAF RICE BEETS FRESH CARROTS CELERY BANANA 86	25-Aug TUNA CASSEROLE VEGT. MEDLEY SLICED TOMATOES BREAD/APPLE BUTTER OATMEAL DATE BAR MILK	CLOSED
CLOSED	28-Aug CHEESEBURGER SKILL TOSSED SALAD BALSAMIC VINAIGRETT WW DINNER ROLL FRUIT COCKTAIL PINK LEMONADE 140	29-Aug CHICKEN POT PIE BROCCOLI SALAD POTATO SOUP PEACHES ROLL/PEACH BUTTER	30-Aug LIVER&ONIONS MEXICORN TOMATOES MASHED POTATOS WW/BREAD 50/50 101	31-Aug APPLE SMOTHERED- PORK CHOPS RICE GREEN BEAN CASS SALAD PB COOKIES		closed

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### ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**PRIMARY ELECTION - 08-15-06**

**SCHOOL BEGINS - 08-28-06**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**SAND DRAGS - 09-02 & 03-06**

