

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB

By: Erin Booth,

Greetings and Salutations to one and all! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

First of all, kudos to the children who have been coming in daily and weekly for our 2008 Summer Reading Program. On Thursday, August 21st, I would like to reward our SRP readers with some extra-special prizes along with a certificate of completion. Here's hoping that next year, many more of you will join and keep reading throughout the summertime.

If you would like to join the daily "Reading Circle", which was formerly called the Story Hour, please do so. It is being held every day from 11am until Noon, and will continue through Friday, August 22nd. Again, I thank all current participants and your names will be announced in the August Newsletter to show our appreciation for your attendance.

Great news, by the way! On both August 8th and 13th, from 11am till Noon, Christina Nalen of the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge will be giving a presentation along with fun crafts to do for anyone in attendance. Please come to the library and let's have some fun!

The second item that I would like to bring to your attention is that I will be conducting an Internet and computer course for all citizens over the age of 18 who reside in Amargosa Valley, commencing on August 25th. The space will be limited due to the small number of computers we have here in the library, but I will keep a sign-up sheet at the front desk and you may always call the library at 372-5340 if you would like to get on the list. The courses will be held from 6pm till 7pm on Mondays and Wednesdays for the moment and shall be ongoing as demand requires it to be. This is part of our library's adult programs pledge, which is part of our 5 year plan. Of course, this is completely free, and will help those of you who have had either limited or no experience with computers, including

e-mail, browsing the internet for information and utilizing various computer programs as well.

The third item that I need to bring to the attention of everyone is that, although we certainly thank those of you who have turned in DVD's in great condition, we still have an issue with some of you turning them in condition that is less than satisfactory.

With that in mind, please strive to turn them in as good as condition as when you checked them out. We really don't want to have to start charging anyone for a DVD that is returned in less than satisfactory condition but may need to do so if this continues.

I would like to again thank my staff, Osvaldo Granados and Pat Booth-Durgin for their continued hard work and help. As well, I would like to say a great, big thank-you from all of us here at the Amargosa Valley library to Jean Weese, who has been volunteering her time in helping out with the inventory and other items. We appreciate you, Jean.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH AND ATTENDED ANOTHER SPECTACULAR 4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK

SCHOLARSHIP CORRECTION!

Some of the July newsletters were printed before a correction was made. Thanks to your generosity the Amargosa Valley Scholarship Fund has awarded \$42,000 over the past 4 years. Thank you again for your continuing support!

PIANO LESSONS IN YOUR
HOME
CALL MIKE @ 702-325-8190

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

Attention all gardeners! It's that time. If you are long-time gardeners, or planted your first this year, you are now up to your ears in tomatoes, cucumbers, and summer squashes. The peas have faded and the beans are slowing down. And guess what? When the beans stop producing, it is time to get serious about your winter garden.

I always try to plant my spring garden so that the crops that end early are in good places for me to reuse that space for my winter garden. Sometimes, I do it better than others. So, in about a month, I'll ask Robert to till in some more composted manure and then I'll start planting. This year, I'll put the cabbage family where the peas were, the lettuce and spinach where the summer cabbage was, and the corn where the pole beans were. I am trying fall corn for the first time this year – a suggestion someone made at the class I taught this spring. I'll fill in with the root crops (beets, carrots and turnips) and my fall planting will be done. In about a month, I'll be harvesting lettuce again (I am still getting some from my spring crop). And the spinach will follow shortly. The Root crops will be ready in another month and in December, I'll have some cabbage. Broccoli and Brussels sprouts will be ready starting in January, along with the asparagus. This is a rebuilding year, so I'll be rebuilding some beds and moving my asparagus, artichokes, and herbs this fall too – a gardener's fun is never done. Happy gardening!

A Note on Mr. Misty: In May, I started giving Mr. Misty his treats on the table platform next to the storage trailer door. He always perched there when we went to feed and water the trailer girls, and rubbed on the window and wall. I just extend my arm out the door, with the treats in my hand, and set them down somewhere near his foot. He didn't seem threatened, since it was just my hand, not all of me. He even sniffed my hand, tickling me with his whiskers.

About the second week in June, as I was headed up the stairs of the trailer, he wasn't looking, so I ran my hand down his back and tail. He immediately went in to his defensive position: "if you do that again, I'll hit you!" pouring out of every cell. But, since I just kept going into the trailer and

didn't even look at him (as far as he could see), he relaxed. Treats were delivered like normal.

The next day, I did it again. And the days after that. He became less defensive each day. On the fifth day, I paused and scratch at the base of his tail. That got a reaction – a positive one. He stopped moving and looked at me with surprise. Then I left for a week, but picked up again upon my return. A couple of days later, I also scratched him where his neck met his shoulders, and it was all downhill after that. I now scratch his head, his ears, his neck, his back, or anywhere I want, with one or both hands. In exchange, he touches my nose with his, rubs his forehead on mine and generally loves me back. He even lets Robert pet and scratch him now. The only problem: that table platform is the only place where we can love on him. When I ask if he wants a pet (or any time I'm in the area), he'll run and jump onto the platform, but every place else is off limits. I think it's a height thing, but who knows. He is, after all, a cat. Have a good August!

FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS AT THE AMARGOSA CLINIC

Aug 4th – 7th

Aug 12, 13 & 14th

Aug 18, 19 & 20th

This gives a total of two weeks.

Please contact the clinic at 372-5432. Also remember to pick up the physical forms from the clinic prior to your appointment then fill them out and bring them with you to your appointment.

SCHOOL STARTS
MONDAY
AUGUST 25, 2008
PLEASE REMEMBER

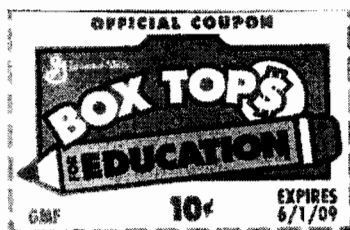
TO WATCH FOR CHILDREN AT THE BUS STOPS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

08-03-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.
08-03-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
08-12-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.
08-12-08 **PRIMARY ELECTION CC 7 A.M.**
08-12-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
08-13-08 AREA PLAN CC 6:P.M.
08-14-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.
08-19-08 **B.O.C.C. MTG CC 8:A.M.**
08-19-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.
08-19-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.
08-25-08 **1ST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL**
08-28-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

SENIOR CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 p.m., there will be a **Variety-Extreme-Sale**. Different stuff each week.
2. Every Weekday from 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., **ICE-TO-GO is \$1 a bag** (8 lbs).
3. We are also **Going Green**, and to start our recycling efforts, bring us your **"crushed" aluminum cans or copper** (and of course pick up some ICE).
4. We are saving **BOX TOPS** for our school, you can drop them off when you come to get ICE and save yourself a trip to the school (see picture, look for them on various items at your grocery stores).



CAMBRIDGE WHO'S WHO
RECOGNIZES
RUBY HAPPEL-HOLTZ
AS A LIFETIME MEMBER
CONGRATULATIONS RUBY

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. it's arts and crafts @ the Senior Center. You need not be a senior to join this group. Come and work on your own project or learn a new one from others there. There is painting, beading, knitting, crocheting, card making etc. Meet other people and have fun.

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AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

We would like to thank all the people that have been coming to the Senior Center to join us for dinner and bringing up the meal count. **We still need more of you to join us.** If everybody could just pick a day and come in at least once a week, the senior center would benefit so much and so would the seniors who need the service we offer.

We have made some changes to the menu in August. For instance, the highlighted boxes on the menu are meals from a diabetic cookbook. So **PLEASE** come and join us for dinner.

Finally yet importantly, the senior center has two trailers up for open bidding so come on in and put your bid in writing the last day bids will be taken is 8-22-08.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!!!!!!!

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2008 AT THE

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: **Aug-08**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED					AUG. 1 Tuna Patties Lima beans Rice Pilaf Tomato and lettuce salad Brownie Mixed fruit	CLOSED
CLOSED	AUG. 4 Beef vegetable soup Mexican corn pie Mixed greens salad LS French dressing Fresh orange	AUG. 5 Chicken & Vegetables stir-fry Fried rice Egg drop soup Salad bar -45 Apple crisp	AUG. 6 Spinach lasagna Garlic bread Mixed fruit chocolate chip cookie Three bean salad	AUG. 7 Pork roast with dijon tarragon glaze, Apple sauce, Broccoli Southwestern bean & corn salad, Lemon cream blueberry pie	AUG. 8 Creamed beef Biscuits Green beans Salad bar Peaches	CLOSED
CLOSED	AUG. 11 Shell pasta with ham & peas Mediterranean soup Mixed fruit Whole wheat rolls	AUG. 12 Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Gravy Peas and carrots Salad bar, pineapple Oatmeal cookie	AUG. 13 Chicken broccoli & rice Beet salad Apricot bran muffins LS Margarine Honeydew/Cantaloupe fruit (38)	AUG. 14 Vegetable pot pie WW roll Salad bar Strawberries & cream	AUG. 15 Dixieland shortcake Black eye peas Garden salad FF Creamy Ital. drsg. Banana -98	CLOSED
CLOSED	AUG. 18 Baked Chicken Mashed potatoes Gravy Spinach Applesauce	AUG. 19 Clam chowder, Turkey sandwich, Baby carrots Celery sticks Fresh fruit cup Honeydew - blueberries strawberries (43)	AUG. 20 Chimichanga Spanish rice Zucchini Salad bar Pears Birthday cake	AUG. 21 Eggplant parmesan Spinach spaghetti carrot raisin salad Garlic bread Blueberry yogurt	AUG. 22 Pork chops in garlic sauce Lima beans, Cucumber & tomato salad Mixed fruit and cottage cheese	CLOSED
CLOSED	AUG. 25 Turkey chili Cornbread Mixed green salad LSLF Italian dressing Ambrosia -13	AUG. 26 Light buenos burritos Jalapeno coleslaw Peaches Oatmeal almond balls	AUG. 27 BBQ chicken sandwich Oven fries Cole slaw brownies Apricots	AUG. 28 Liver and onions Mashed potatoes Gravy Brussels sprouts Salad bar, Orange Cup cake	AUG. 29 Baked tilapia Gazpacho soup WW rolls Salad bar Peaches	CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		



Valley Electric
Association, Inc.

*Commitment to
Community*

Energy Seminar

Amargosa Senior Center

August 5, 2008

3:30 PM

*Learn about Basic Conservation Practices and
tips to lower your bill.*



VEA WILL SPONSOR LUNCH



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
ATLANTA, GA 30308

WAGE AND INVESTMENT DIVISION

June 27, 2008

Mr. Jeff Fontaine
Executive Director, Nevada Association of Counties
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Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Jeff Fontaine:

I have some very important information for you and your constituents that is time sensitive. As a Senior Tax Consultant for Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communication (SPEC) of the Wage & Investment Operating Division of the Internal Revenue Service my colleagues and I are charged with providing education/outreach and free tax preparation in the State of Nevada. In January, Congress and President Bush approved and implemented the nation's Economic Stimulus Payment (ESP) program which provides economic stimulus payments to Americans across the country. Americans must file a tax return to actually receive these payments, and in many instances, people who have no regular filing requirement do not realize that they are entitled to these payments.

The IRS estimates that some 44,301 ESP returns have not yet been filed in your community SSA/VA Mean of \$2,513,391.00.

I am asking for your help in getting this ESP message out in your community using whatever channels you already have in place to reach your constituents. I can provide you with electronic information ready to print and talking points and will be glad to work with those in your office to help you in this effort. I stand ready to assist you and other community leaders in Nevada Counties to make sure this message gets out along with direction and resources available to file the tax returns.

IRS and local non-profit organizations and businesses throughout the Nevada have hundreds of free tax sites located in all the counties that offer a free tax preparation service during the normal tax season for people who may not be able to pay for tax preparation. As a result of the ESP program this year some of these sites have agreed to continue past their normal "tax season" efforts to prepare ESP returns free of charge, so people can get their tax return filed and receive their ESP payment.

Please help your constituents by helping us deliver this message and make sure every person entitled to this ESP payment receives it. Feel free to contact me, Rey Lopez, Telephone Number 702 868 5084 (my contact information is below), for any assistance you might need.

I want to thank you so much for your anticipated participation and let us hear from you!

Sincerely,

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