

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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## AMARGOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By: Gene Butler

The Amargosa Amateur Radio Club has now made a major jump in being a recognized and viable club. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 we (the club) were recognized by the Amateur Radio Relay League (A.R.R.L.) with all rights there to.

In November of 2008, the Amargosa Amateur Radio Club started with four members and was the brain child of Archie Selbach KE7IOE. As of the last meeting in June 2009, we now have thirteen members. We also have three studying for the Technician test and two studying for the General test. This is outstanding for any club much less a club in the middle of a desert. By the way, did I mention there are 2 ladies studying to become Ham Technicians?

Our club is maturing very quickly. We would like to see our friends in Beatty and Tonopah become involved with our club. There will be a Technician and a General test at the Community Center Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 PM to 2 PM.

If you are a Ham or would like to become a Ham, do call us or send us an email to Gene Butler KE7VIU [fourbears@veawb.coop](mailto:fourbears@veawb.coop) (775) 372-1282 PO BOX 101 Amargosa Valley NV 89020-0101 or Archie Selbach KE7IOE [archie-sel@netzero.com](mailto:archie-sel@netzero.com) (775) 513-5332

## THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB

By: Erin Booth

Happy a-summerin' to all ya'll out there in Amargosaville! Oops, I mean Amargosa Valley. Indeed! Where else can you imagine spending a good, hot summertime?

First of all, I would like to let everyone know that our 2009 Summer Reading Program is well underway and has been extremely successful. I would like to publicly thank Osvaldo Granados and Idalia Femat for their hard work and effort in making each Wednesday event the special, memory-making opportunity that they have all been. Won't you please join us from 10am to 11am Tuesday through Friday for our 2009 Summer Reading Circle and from 11am till 12:30pm on Wednesdays through August 19<sup>th</sup> for "Be Creative at your Library!" as each week promises a new craft or art-themed experience for everyone.

As a reminder: the art and award show for the Summer Reading Program will be held on Friday, August 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Secondly, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the book signing for former Library Director Sam Eddington's book about the library's history entitled: "The Amargosa Valley Library: A Diamond in the Desert". Both Sam and his book were well-received and we still have some Author's signed copies available for donation.

The third item of note is that our Library Hours are to change, effective August 3<sup>rd</sup> as follows:

Monday:	9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

We hope that you are all having a wonderful summer and that you continue to utilize the library for your reading and viewing entertainment needs!

Cheers to all!

## ***SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!***

***VFW Post 6826,  
Ladies Auxiliary  
invites everyone to:***

It's always a good time to thank those who serve our country overseas, and protect our freedoms. A letter of thanks to the following, who are serving from our area, will make your day better too.

### **MMFR Byron Gray**

USS John C. Stennis  
Cun 74 Box 36  
Eng. Dept. A. Div  
FPO AP 96615-2874

### **Ricardo Martinez**

Vaq-133  
Unit 25407  
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### **Cpl Riley Hunt**

2nd. Bn, 23rd Marines  
Fox Company 43490  
FPO AP 96426-3490

### **Cody Diell**

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Hagerstown, MD 21740

### **Kynda Brown**

ABH AA Brown  
Box 31  
USS John C. Stennis  
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## ***GREAT BIG THANK YOU***

By: Luann Reno

I would like to thank the people who stopped to help me when my car broke down on July 13, 2009, at the corner of Williamson & Farm Road. Two families stopped to help, they moved my car off the road, brought me lots of cold water to drink, and gave me a ride home. I am very sorry I did not get the names of either family but you know who you are, Thank you.

Luann Reno, Barnett Street

## ***CALLING ALL RENTALS***

If you have property (land or housing) for rent, please provide information regarding it to the Town Office immediately. The County is putting a page on its web site that will list all available rentals in the southern Nye area. By property, we mean houses (manufactured or stick-built), RV hook-ups, and land with utilities that is house-ready.

Examples:

Single-wide, double wide, and triple-wide manufactured homes, all utilities connected, \$400 - \$800/month plus electricity. Contact Joe Blow at 775-555-5555.

28 RV sites with hookups, \$350/mon. Contact Jane Smith at 775-555-5555

12 one-acre lots with septic, water and electrical, house-ready. \$300/mon. plus electricity. Call Fred Jones at 775-555-5555.

## ***FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS***

August 10<sup>th</sup> thru August 21<sup>st</sup> Amargosa Clinic

Call the clinic for an appointment 372-5432

Please bring in your completed sports physical paperwork if you do not have the paperwork stop by the clinic and pick one up before your appointment. And don't forget to bring your shot records.

## ***NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN***

***"Mami's Tacos"***

***Food Catering Truck available for special events, town events, private events, call Antonieta Munoz 702-277-9594 to schedule. The truck is available for breakfast/lunch at the following locations: Dairy 6:00 AM until 9:30 AM, at IMV 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM, and then back at the Dairy from Noon until 1:00 P.M. .***

***CAL & CHRISTA BABBITT!  
WE ARE ALL WISHING YOU A  
SPEEDY RECOVERY AND  
ARE HOPING YOU GET WELL  
SOON. Call if there is anything  
we can help with.***

## ***SPEND LESS FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS***

Nye County, through a joint effort with the National Association of Counties, is now offering a Prescription Discount Card. Free Enrollment for County Residents. There is an average savings of 20%; however discounts vary from drug to drug. There are no age or income requirements and there are no limits on how many times the card can be used. One card is good for the entire family and can be used anytime a prescription is NOT covered by insurance.

Cards are available at Nye County Health and Human Services, 250, N. Hwy 160, Ste 4, Pahrump, NV 89060 (775) 751-7095 and at 1120 Globemallow Lane, Tonopah, NV 89049 (775) 482-8125 and are also available at the Amargosa Town Office.

### ***JOIN THE GIRLS AT THE SENIOR CENTER***

every 4th. Wednesday @ 5:30PM for pool. This will be a "Turkey Shoot" with a \$6 buy in, \$1 to go to the Sr. Ctr. It's a lot of fun and a good way to improve your game. Come and enjoy one of Fred's great meals and stay for pool. (non smoking facility).

### ***SENIOR CENTER FRIDAY NIGHT POOL***

Every Friday night we have "open pool play" @ the Senior Ctr. Play starts @ 5:30PM. Come and have one of Fred's fantastic meals, stay and play pool with a great group of people (you must be 18 to play). There is a \$6 buy in with \$1 going to the sr. ctr. (non smoking facility).

## ***BOCC SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 6:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMARGOSA VALLEY AREA PLAN***

## **FOOD STAMPS**

Now being accepted at the Amargosa Grocery & Outlet (located in the Stateline Saloon Building)  
4415 S Hwy 373  
775-372-5672

Estaremos aceptando la tarjeta de estompillas de comida.

Amargosa Grocery & Outlet  
4415 S Hwy 373

The grocery store has its own entrance from the outside of the Stateline Building, and is officially open from 9:00 AM till 6:00 PM Monday thru Saturday, but, if anyone needs groceries and can't get to the store during those times, we will gladly allow people access to the Store, (through the Tavern entrance), while the Tavern & Cafe are open.

The Cafe & Saloon open daily from 7:00 AM until at least 9:00 PM.

If anyone has any questions about products, they can always call to make sure we have the items needed before they make a trip to the Store.

If anyone would like to make "requests" for certain items to be available in the Store, we will certainly make sure that those items will be purchased and available "for sale" in the Store.

## ***COMMUNITY MEETINGS***

08-02-09 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 6 P.M.  
08-04-09 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.  
08-06-09 AV EVENTS MTG CC 6 P.M.  
08-11-09 AA RADIO CLUB CC 6:30 PM  
08-11-09 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.  
08-11-09 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 7:00 P.M.  
08-13-09 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.  
08-17-09 SENIOR PROJECT CNL SC 5:30 PM  
08-18-09 PUBLIC SCOPING MTG CC 6 P.M.  
08-18-09 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.  
08-18-09 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.  
08-24-09 SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:15 AM  
08-27-09 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7 P.M.  
8-29-09 BUSINESSMEN FELLOWSHIP CC  
08-11-09 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 11 AM  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

## ***BLM PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2009 6:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER***

## **AMARGOSA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER**

By: Tammy Been

We would like to invite everybody to come and join us for a Special Saturday BREAKFAST on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 9am; we will be having Waffles and strawberries, scrambled eggs, ham and orange juice. This is a special event and we would like to see new faces for breakfast, so mark your calendars.

Robert Petty DVM will provide free dog immunizations to seniors on Thurs., Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM– 9:00AM at the Senior Center. An appointment is necessary. Please call Pam Hall @ 372-1621 to make an appointment.

We would like to thank everybody for their contributions and for taking the time to bake all the goodies to sell for the Senior Center at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and for those who volunteered their time to sell all the wonderful baked goods and chips.

If you or a loved one are unable to attend the senior center for meals due to sickness and need home-delivered meals please contact Tammy @ 372-5413.

If you need a ride please call one of the following and join us for dinner.

372 - 5614 Aj Griffin---VFW or Stateline  
372 - 1343 Jean Adams---- Cottonwood  
372 - 5138 Prudy Stengel---- Diablo and Farm Road

Also come and enjoy: Arts & Crafts every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm and Friday night pool (must be 18 or older to play). Open pool starts @ 5:30 pm.

We look forward to you joining us for dinner and activities.

We have 8lb. bags of ice for sale for \$1.00. And don't forget to bring us you crushed Aluminum cans.

**VALLEY ELECTRIC  
ASSOCIATION  
CREATING THE POWER OF  
COMMUNITY!**

## **FILL THE BUCKET TRUCK III**

By: Stacy Behnke

*Pahrump, NV-* Valley Electric Association (VEA) held the third annual "Fill the Bucket Truck" event on Saturday, July 25, 2009 and the community stepped up once again for a great cause. The VEA bucket, used primarily to hoist VEA line crew in the air to repair or maintain overhead lines, was filled with donated school supplies.

"This year, with the help of the community, we were able to fill the bucket 11 times, which was two large flat bed truck loads to the school districts in our service territory," reports Staci Behnke, Community and Governmental Relations Manager.

Tom Saitta, from Tommasino's Restaurant and Saitta Trudeau Dodge, issued a challenge for other Pahrump businesses to match his \$100 cash donation. The Pahrump Nugget and Dollar Plus each matched the cash donation and Pat Michel from Terrible's Town and Terrible's Lakeside Casinos delivered a full case of backpacks to the event. Volunteer Ambassadors who were present, including VEA Board President Shiela Rau, used the cash to purchase school supplies right there at Wal-Mart.

Karen Jackson from K-NYE Radio held a live broadcast during the entire event.

The VEA employees and their families, who donated their time all day, were joined by Kaye's Allstate Insurance. Wal-Mart made announcements throughout the day and supported our efforts as well. Tarantino's Pizza and Subway donated food for the employees who worked the event, which was much appreciated.

VEA held a power bill credit drawing for those people who donated school supplies and filled out a ticket. The winners were announced at the end of the event live on K-NYE Radio.

Kaye's Allstate and VEA will continue to collect school supplies until August 31<sup>st</sup>. You may drop off your donation at Kaye's Allstate Insurance, 150 S. Highway 160 (next to Albertson's) or at the VEA main office on Highway 372. The school supplies will be distributed by Nye County School District.

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

*(Since Jan's hand is out of commission, we are republishing a column that received the strongest positive response.)*

In this space last month, I thanked some, but certainly not all, of the wonderful people who volunteer in our community and make a positive difference in all of our lives. This month, I am addressing the flip side. I call them "The ANTI's".

You know them; and they know who they are. They aren't bad people; they are just unhappy. They are the ones who don't like anything that a Board or Committee or any active individual does. They start from the assumption that people who serve on Boards or Committees are self-serving and proceed from there. They fail to recognize that no one who serves on any public board or committee in Amargosa receives any compensation for doing so, and ethics require that decisions not benefit anyone voting on anything. But, I guess, as The ANTI's see it, just sitting at the table must be a reward.

And The ANTI's try to force their own agenda upon the community by accusing the people who serve on boards or committees of being self-serving. And, when they don't get their way, they make up or twist facts to stir others to support their viewpoint.

And they oppose any improvements in infrastructure or community resources, regardless of the source of the funding because they see it as an increase in their taxes. This, despite the fact that their state taxes can go no higher and the money coming from their taxes (state and federal) will be spent somewhere (so why NOT in Amargosa?). And they don't want people to use the park (they'll hurt the grass??), and

don't see why we need a park anyway – you guessed it, it's THEIR taxes.

And they declare to anyone who will listen that all committee appointments are determined by the clique of those making the appointments. But when someone asks for people to volunteer to help with a community event, they sit on their hands.

I am not very fond of The ANTI's. Negativity has never impressed me as a virtue. I would much rather work with others who are trying to make a positive difference than listen to someone gripe. And I must admit that I occasionally get irritated at them. But, I mostly just feel sorry for them. I realize that some people will never be happy – with anything. There is no point in my wasting my time trying to reason with the ANTI's, or explain to them. So, like most people, I increasingly just tune them out.

The ANTI's do sometimes have ideas. But since they continuously bombard the world with their negativity, their occasional good ideas usually get lost in the negative noise. I try to listen, but I must confess that I have probably missed a good idea or two in the last eight years, because I tuned out The ANTI's.

I can only hope that someday these negative people will find something to be happy about. Their lives will be so much better. And mine? Well, mine can't get a whole lot better than it is right now; see last month's column for why.

***FILL THE SCHOOL BUS  
PLEASE STOP BY THE SCHOOL ON  
SATURDAY AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>  
FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM  
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE  
NEEDED FOR THE STUDENTS THIS  
YEAR. PLEASE HELP US FILL THE  
BUS!***



### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to many Amargosa Valley Businesses and Community Members, the Amargosa Valley / Beatty High School Scholarship Fund awarded a total of \$9,500 to 2009 graduates. The scholarship winners were chosen by academic performance and need. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships.

Naomi Cruz – Nursing - UNLV  
Idhaly Flores – Nutritionist - UNLV  
Heidi Gomez – Nursing - CA State

Kyle Marchand –  
Mining/Diesel Tech - Great Basin  
Gumaro Robles – Const.  
Management - UNLV

Autumn Spicer – Physical Therapy - UNLV  
Nichole Stucker – Hotel Management – UNLV  
Kayla True – Pastry Chef - Le Cordon Bleu

Many thanks go to all our faithful contributors who make our scholarships possible. We have awarded more than \$50,000 over the past five years and hope to continue with your support. All monies collected go directly to scholarships and every dollar counts.

We hope you will contribute to our effort to assist educating the future leaders of our community and our country.

If you have any questions please contact Jean Adams, Amargosa Valley / Beatty High School Fund Committee chair, at 372- 1343.

**On a personal note, I would like to say how proud I am to live in a community that cares and is there to help those in need. Assisting in education, memorials, illness, holiday giving and celebrating, it touches my heart to see so many helping hands.**

# MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

**MONTH OF: Aug-09**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	3-Aug Cheese enchiladas Salsa and sour cream Spanish rice Vegetable beef soup Salad bar Mixed fruit	4-Aug <u>Turkey vegetable crescent pie</u> <u>Winter squash soup</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Raspberry cheesecake</u>	5-Aug Egg plant parmesan Spinach spaghetti Carrot raisin salad Garlic bread Fruited yogurt pie Orange banana juice 18	6-Aug Chicken teriyaki Broccoli Fried rice Salad bar Peanut butter cookie Mandarin oranges	7-Aug Swiss steak, Baked potato with shredded colby and jack cheese FF Sour cream, Chives Herbed Vegt. Medley 100% WW bread, Peach butter, Fresh apple (44)	8-Aug <b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Waffles Scrambled eggs Ham Strawberries Orange juice 8am to 9am
CLOSED	10-Aug Red beans and rice Beets in orange sce. Layered salad 100% WW Bread Apple butter Fruit cocktail (7)	11-Aug Spaghetti Garlic bread Corn Salad bar Brownie	12-Aug Baked chicken Oven fries Spinach Cole slaw Peach cup	13-Aug <u>Fiesta beef enchiladas</u> <u>Zucchini delight</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apricots</u> <u>Bread pudding</u>	14-Aug Chicken noodle soup French bread pizza Broccoli salad Rainbow sherbert Oatmeal date bar Pink lemonade 121	CLOSED
CLOSED	17-Aug <u>Pork roast with dijon tarragon glaze</u> Apple sauce, Broccoli Southwestern bean & corn salad, Lemon cream <u>blueberry pie</u>	18-Aug Honey mustard chicken Baked beans Mixed vegetables Potato salad Jell-o with fruit	19-Aug Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Gravy Brussels sprouts Salad bar Birthday cake	20-Aug Sweet-n-sour vegetables Egg rolls Oriental salad supreme Egg drop soup Ginger spice roll	21-Aug Turkey bean soup Tuna stuffed tomato Apricot bran muffin Peach butter (5) Fresh mandarin orange	CLOSED
CLOSED	24-Aug Chicken broccoli rice Beet salad Apricot bran muffin LS Margarine Honeydew/Cantaloupe fruit cup (38)	25-Aug Green chili pork stew Cheddar cheese Warm tortillas Layered salad Brownie	26-Aug Hot turkey sandwich Green beans Mashed potatoes Gravy Chocolate chip cookie Mixed fruit	27-Aug <u>Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce</u> <u>100% WW Bread</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Peach cup</u>	28-Aug Spinach lasagna Steamed cauliflower Garden salad, Honey dressing, Garlic bread Cherry apricot granola cup, Orange banana juice, (128)	CLOSED
CLOSED	31-Aug Baked liver & onions Mexicorn Tomatoes Vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread, Apple butter Sliced peaches 101		2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		CLOSED
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