

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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MAMMOVAN

The Nevada Health Centers Mammovan will be in Amargosa on February 12 and February 13 located at the clinic parking lot. You can call 877-581-6266. Call and make your appointment right away as it fills up quickly.

Also as a reminder to let everyone know that we have our shot clinic days on the first and third Tuesdays of each month for the kids that have NO insurance or insurance that will not cover any shots. They need to call the clinic to make an appointment, 372-5432.

LIBRARY NEWS

On behalf of everyone here, I'd like to thank the community for their exceptional support of the library! During the year 2007, you checked 19,687 items out of the library, by far the highest level of use in a single year since the library was first opened in 1976. Ever since I moved here, I've been truly impressed by the way Amargosa Valley cares for and makes use of its library, and I've enjoyed getting to know all of you as you've come to visit us.

As a great start to the new year, we recently received several dozen new large print books, many of them as part of a generous gift from the Boulder City Library. There are thrillers, biographies, mysteries, and general fiction. All of them are currently on display in our New Books section – please come and have a look! We also have many other new fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, and audiobooks for you to enjoy.

IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT

By: Leta Johnson

Most of you don't know me. I live on Atomic; I have a motorhome in my driveway. In good faith I left three sleeping bags and a pillow in the motorhome with the door open just in case someone needed a warm bed. For a night someone took advantage of the extra space and when they left they took the sleeping bags with them. When I went through my storage I found out that wasn't the only things they took. I don't have much but I am willing to share, so if you need something just ask. Please do not just take things. It is a little upsetting when I find things missing.

I have found blankets to put in the motorhome once again, so if you use my extra space for the night, please leave the blankets for someone else who may need to get warm.

For those of us that have extra space or blankets please lets help someone else less fortunate than we are, it's really cold and these items would be appreciated by all who receive the. God Bless us all in good faith.



FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

Thursday, December 20, 2007, was not a nice day. It was cold and the wind was blowing with sustained winds of at least 40 miles per hour – in all directions. Gusts were probably as high as the mid-60s mph. At 6:00 p.m., I was feeling a little sorry for myself as I went to my van to drive to the Town Board meeting. I really wanted to curl up with a cat and a good book. I turned onto 373 and, as I passed the Pizza Store, I saw it.

“It” was what looked like every fire vehicle our Volunteer Fire Department in a circle around a structure (or more – it was too dark to tell) on Pueblo about a block from Anvil. My self-pity disappeared. I started praying: that the people and their pets were safe; that the firemen and firewomen were safe; that the people didn’t lose everything; and that the Fire Department could keep the fire from spreading. I couldn’t imagine, with the spread of the equipment there and the wind, that any of my prayers would have been answered, but I prayed anyway. And miracles do happen.

I learned early the next morning that the family and their pet had escaped unharmed, though they lost all of their possessions. And, the Fire Department had suffered no injuries and had managed to keep the fire from spreading to nearby trees or other homes – a feat that still amazes me. And then the REAL miracle occurred – Amargosa style.

The family that was burned out had moved here not long ago from Michigan. They didn’t know a lot of local folks. The parents and the young adult son lived in the house. The parents both worked at the Horizon Academy. Their daughter, her son, and fiancé had arrived only a couple of days before to visit for the holidays. When it was clear that they had lost their home, someone took them in. Then someone (Theresa Jacobs, I think) called Jim Marsh, who gave them four nights at the Longstreet for free. The Volunteers of the Fire Department got on the phone, spreading the word of their loss. Jade Robinson was going to give them a condo at the Academy for two months until it was needed for a prior commitment, but by noon the next day, the family had a trailer to rent for as long as they needed it (thank you, Shelly Kadrmas and Jerry and Genne Nelson). The Senior Center opened its storage trailer and told the family to take what they

needed. People from throughout the Valley started going through their houses and storage boxes, looking for anything that would be useful. Anonymous donations poured into the Academy. Amanda Cheney probably spent the majority of the day answering questions about what they had and what they needed. Furniture, household goods, food, curtains, rugs, appliances – you name it, it was donated, in many cases multiple times. There was so much donated, including multiples of many things, which the Town has built a storage compartment to save the things this family didn’t need for the next time.

On this last weekend before Christmas, when most people were finishing their shopping and attending parties, Shelly and Amanda organized a fundraiser pot luck and auction. On Saturday night, the Volunteers from the Fire Department hauled things from the Academy to the new trailer home and set up the household for the family. And when I say set up, I mean Set Up. Drawers and cupboards were filled. Furniture was placed. It was no longer just a house; they made it a home.

On Sunday afternoon, about 75 people, including almost the entire Fire Department and their families, came to eat and argue over who would out-bid whom for cakes, pies, tamales, goodies baskets and all sorts of other good things. And the donations, mostly anonymous, continued to pour in. Among my favorites were the twenty-something useful things that Glenda Leonard wrapped as Christmas presents so that the family would have something under their new tree. Over three thousand dollars were raised. The family was amazed about the entire weekend. It seems that things like this don’t happen in other communities. But they do here -- which is one of the reasons most of us love living here. We may argue and fight, but when someone needs help, we help.

I think that, for most of the people who had a part (large or small) in the miracles of those three days, this was one of the best Christmases ever. My thanks to all of those who helped out, especially the Volunteer Fire Department. You make this Valley special. I hope the rest of your holidays were as good. And, if you see one of our volunteers, say thank you. They deserve it. Happy New Year.

CHAD SAYS THANKS

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to my school for drawing my name for the raffle drawing of the beautiful Christmas tree and wonderful handmade ornaments on it. It is absolutely awesome and I am so lucky to have won it at our school Christmas program. I am so happy and will always cherish it.

Is my school and this Amargosa Valley community the BEST or what?

Again, I thank everyone involved (including the classes who made the ornaments on it!) for this cool tree.

Sincerely,

Chad Barent

Ms. Edwards 3rd grader

PAHRUMP HOSPITAL

By: Glenda Leonard

What have you heard about the Pahrump Hospital? I had only heard negative things and then on December 27, 2008 I went to Urgent Care for a couple of tests, then to Advanced Medical to see Dr. Avrom for a follow up. She told me I was anemic and needed blood at once. She said Desert View Regional Medical Center (Pahrump Hospital). I was scared but my husband took me straight there.

On the lighter side, I got there at 5:30 P.M. and was fed by 6:00 P.M. (good food). They never found out why my blood was down 4 units, but I got the greatest of care. I pushed the button and at once a voice answered and then someone showed up. The little vampire who showed up at 6:00 A.M. was so good I hardly even woke up.

So if you have to be hospitalized go to Pahrump, you won't be sorry.

Glenda Leonard

CONGRATULATIONS

*Jimmy & Amy Bowers
on their new baby boy*

"Kyle James"

6 lbs .4 oz.

20 inches

12-21-2007



TO THE TOWN OF AMARGOSA

By: Debbie Quintana

First and foremost I want to thank the Lord my God for helping me through my time of illness and the tremendous fear that went through me during my stroke. Although undeserved the Lord chose to let me live. It also helped me to love life, my God and my friends more than I can express. Through out my stay in the hospital my family was there to help through everything, from my daily needs, to seeing that I had everything I needed from home. The Lord comforted and blessed me daily. He also blessed me with a Town full of friends who stepped out in love and compassion and helped me in more ways than I can count. I love all of you with all my heart. I THANK YOU with all my being. You make me proud to be an Amargosan. God Bless you all. With love from Debbie Quintana.

SENIOR CENTER RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Community Center the Senior Center will be holding a Rummage Sale. There will be food available so please join us for lunch.

We would like to thank you in advance for any and all donations that you would like to make. Please drop off your donations at the Senior Center.

For more information please contact the Senior Center at 372-5413 after 2:00 P.M.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

By: Ruby H. Happel-Holtz

A Celebration of Life was held for Charles E. Holtz, on January 20, 2008 at his home on Diablo Drive. Charles or Charlie is one of Amargosa's oldest and long time resident of Amargosa Valley. The Celebration was for his 91st birthday.

Charlie was born on January 18, 1917, in Warren PA to Chester Holtz and Florence Highouse. His parents would later move the family to Erie, PA, where Charlie, his two brothers and one sister grew up. In 1941 Charlie married Helen Flanagan, of Erie, and became the father of four sons.

In 1950, Charlie moved his family to Downey CA, to accept a lucrative position with Aerojet. In 1968, he moved to Amargosa Valley. Charlie worked at the Nevada Test Site as a Physist and an Electrical Engineer. He would also work for Timex at Henderson and part time at IMV. He also served as a Math Teacher in Amargosa, and was one of the first Directors for Valley Electric. Charlie would retire from Bechtel at the Test Site in the 1990's to grow many varieties of grapes, which he later made into wine.

Widowed in 1999, he would later marry Ruby H. Happel-Holtz of Pahrump, in 2001.

Charlie is a 53 year member in good standing of the Bellfleur Masonic Order, in Downey, CA, and a Veteran of the Armed Forces.

Our thanks to all who made Charlie's 91st Birthday a Celebration to remember.



BUSINESSMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

By: Tom Smith

On Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. there will be a Businessmen's Fellowship Breakfast at Longstreet in the Colorado Room. These meetings will be held each month on the last Saturday with the time and place to be announced.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

02-03-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.
02-01-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
02-09-08 RUMMAGE SALE CC 9 A.M.
02-12-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.
02-12-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
02-14-08 **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**
02-14-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.
02-19-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.
02-19-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.
02-28-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

HELP WANTED

Amargosa Clinic is looking for someone with a medical background for back office and possible front office duties. Bilingual is a plus but not necessary. Please stop by the Clinic to pick up an application. You can send your resume to:

Nevada Health Centers, Inc.
ATTN: Sandra Harders
1802 N. Carson St.
Ste 100
Carson City, NV 89701

***If you need a Carpenter, call
(775) 372-5602***



MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: FEB. 08

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		FEB. 1 Baked cod cajun style Broccoli stuffed potato Garden salad Casser italian dressing Cracked wheat bread LS Margarine Fresh orange 10	CLOSED
CLOSED	FEB. 4 Baked stuffed Pork chops Seasoned lima's & peas Garden salad, LS Italian dressing. Fruit cocktail 42	FEB. 5 Chicken gumbo Red beans & rice Colorful salad Honey dressing Choc. Chip cookie	FEB. 6 Baked meat loaf Mashed pot., Steamed spinach, Let. & Tom salad, LS French drsg. 100% ww bread, Chantilly fruit cup 3	FEB. 7 Vegetable pot pie 100% ww dinner roll Honey Salad bar Cup cake	FEB. 8 Turkey Fajita Spanish rice Chopped spinach Salad bar Pineapple chunks	CLOSED
CLOSED	FEB. 11 Chicken cacciatore Linguine Baked acorn squash Mixed greens FF creamy italian drsg. Peanut cookie 66	FEB. 12 Ham & beans Combread Salad bar Peaches	FEB. 13 Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Salad bar Mixed fruit	FEB. 14 Roast beef Garlic herb baby red pot. Carrots Salad bar Oatmeal cookie	FEB. 15 Pork chow mein Egg noortles Brusset sprouts Salad bar Apple crisp	CLOSED
CLOSED	FEB. 18 CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY	FEB. 19 Baked liver & onions Mexicorn Tomato vinegarette Mashed potato Apple butter Sliced peaches 101	FEB. 20 Spinach lasagna Cauliflower Garlic bread Salad bar Birthday cake	FEB. 21 Baked chicken Green beans WW dinner rolls Coleslaw Salad bar Spiced pears	FEB. 22 Taco casserole Spanish rice Seasoned zucchini Pumpkin bread Apricot pineapple punch 124	CLOSED
CLOSED	FEB. 25 Spaghetti-n-meal sauce Baked acorn squash Colorful salad FF creamy italian drsg. 7 Grain bread, LFLS mar Strawb. ban yogurtpop	FEB. 26 Tuna mushroom casserole Broccoli Garlic bread Peach crisp	FEB. 27 Red beans & rice Beets / orange sauce Carrots & celery sticks Peanut cookie	FEB. 28 Tomato soup Lemon baked fish, Corn pudding, Steamed peas & carrots, Honey wheat- berry bread, Jam, Crisp ginger cookie, Spiced applesauce 130	FEB. 29 Hot beef sandwich Mashed potato Gravy Broccoli Salad bar Brownie	CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		

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