

ANOTHER GREAT BIG THANK YOU

The “Christmas in the Night Time Sky” was another huge success. Although the weather outside was frightful, the bon-fire was just delightful. Who am I kidding it was freezing. But thank you to everyone who braved the weather to help a child smile on Christmas morning. We once again collected a huge amount of gifts and it’s all because of you.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEAR’S

Thank you again,
Shelly

BEWARE OF INTEREST RATE OFFERS

By: Jan Cameron

Over the last few weeks, I have received at least one call a day from a computerized voice that has told me that either (1) my opportunity to get a lower interest rate on my credit card is about to expire or (2) my credit card interest rate is about to go up. I tried the “push 2 to stop receiving these calls” to no avail. So, I tried a different tactic. I pushed “1” to talk with a human.

I first asked who they were, followed by whom they were representing. (I have more than one credit card, so, if they were legitimate, they could identify which they were representing.) One identified itself as “Credit Services”, who represents all VISA and Master Cards. Another said that it was “Credit Processing” who represented major banks like Bank of America and Citibank.

At that point, I said that we were on the “no call” list and that I had been trying, unsuccessfully to get off of they list. An all three occasions, they hung up without another word.

Now, had they been legitimate, they might have tried to convince me to take their offer. Then they would have apologized for bothering me and

assured me that my phone would be removed from their database, though it might take 24 hours or so. They didn’t.

I am quite sure that, had I played their game, they would have asked me to “confirm” my credit card number, name, billing address, and telephone number – all that they would have needed to rack up several hundred, if not thousands, of dollars on my account.

So DO look a gift horse in the mouth and protect yourself. Never give out personal information to someone who calls you. If you are interested in their offer, ask for their identification, location and a return number. Then call them back to verify that they are who they say they are. Protect yourself; you are the only one who can.

KUDOS TO . . .

Lon Fuller our newly elected Fire Chief for the Amargosa Valley Volunteer
Fire Dept. **Way to go Lon!**

If you know of someone who deserves Kudos, call the Town Office (5459)

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Want to learn a new skill, have fun, meet other people, and exercise your brain? Maybe you already know the skill. Come out and play pool. Every 4th. Wednesday a fun, dynamic group meets @ the VFW @ 6:00 P.M. to play. It's a \$5.00 fee that's divided between the top 3 players. It's a supportive group with stronger players willing to give you tips on how to play to improve your skills.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SENIOR CENTER UGLY JANUARY 30TH

You all get them, that ugly gift from Aunt Martha or Cousin Jim. Bring that "ugly gift" to the Senior Ctr. on January 30th and exchange it for a "treasure". It's a lot of fun and remember "someone's ugly gift is another one's treasure. Come eat dinner and join us for the exchange @ 5:30 PM. You need not be a senior to come and enjoy this event.

HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS

The Post Office will only be open from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on Monday, December 24, 2007. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, December 26, 2007. If you are on the mail route and need something to go out please get your mail in your box early.

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. You can send your resume to:

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

01-01-08 ***HAPPY NEW YEAR***
01-06-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.
01-04-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
01-08-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.

01-08-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
 01-10-08 PASSPORT FAIR P.O. 4:00 P.M.
 01-15-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.
 01-15-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.
 01-16-08 MEMORIAL SUPPORT CC 6 P.M.
 01-18-08 SCHOOL'S PARENT NIGHT C 5: P.M.
 01-19-08 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CC 10 A.M
 01-24-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P..M.
 01-31-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

NOTE: THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TIME HAS CHANGED TO 6:00 P.M.

***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.

AMARGOSA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE "2008"

Date Opponent Location

Wed. 16 Jan 08	Rosemary Clark MS	Home 5 PM Boys & Girls A & B Teams
Thurs. 17 Jan	Death Valley MS	Home 4 PM Boys & Girls A Teams only
Wed. 23 Jan	Death Valley MS	@ DV 3 PM Boys & Girls A Teams only
Sat. 26 Jan	Beatty-Amargosa Tournament TBA Boys & Girls A Teams	
Wed. 30 Jan	Rosemary Clark MS	@ RMC 5PM Boys & Girls A & B
Sat. 2 Feb 08	Sandy Valley MS	Home 10 AM Boys & Girls A Teams
	& Beatty MS	
Fri. 8 Feb	Rosemary Clark MS	Tournament TBA Boys & Girls A Teams
Sat. 9 Feb	Rosemary Clark MS Tournament TBA	
Wed. 13 Feb	Indian Springs MS	Home 4 PM Boys & Girls A & B Teams
Wed. 20 Feb	Indian Springs MS	@ IS 4 PM Boys & Girls A & B Teams
Sat. 23 Feb	Beatty MS &	@ Beatty 10 AM Boys & Girls A

Teams

Sandy Valley MS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Amargosa Christian Fellowship would like to invite you to join us at our Christmas Eve Candle light Service. Services will begin at 6:00 P.M. December 24th. We are located near the corner of Farm Rd. and School Lane Rd.

I would also like to give special thanks to everyone for your assistance and donations for the Christmas Baskets and Toys that were provided to those in need in the Valley. Without your help, caring and donations many families would not have received food and toys for Christmas.

Again THANK YOU and may you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Pastor Gary

SENIORS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

On Wednesday, December 19, the Amargosa Seniors will celebrate Christmas. The Senior Center will have a special dinner. And the seniors who attend will have a blind gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped, unisex gift, costing \$10 or less, to dinner at 4:00. At about 5:00, those who are participating will draw numbers to pick gifts, steal a few, and finally open the ones that end up in our possession. Previous years, we have had a lot of fun and have had a lot of laughs. And, if you don't like your gift, you can "regift" it at the Ugly Present Exchange in January!

We also send small gifts home to those who cannot join us for dinner—the home-bounds. If you would like to donate a gift for a home-bound (we have approximately 10 men and 4 women to whom we regularly deliver meals), please bring it to the Senior Center any weekday afternoon before December 19. Thank you for your help. And thank you for your support throughout the year.

***HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY
JESSICA KADRMAS***



FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD!

By: Jan Cameron

Betty Jo Boyd. Nancy Fisher. Helen Holtz. Doris Jackson. Dagmar Kaisar (Sister Jacinta). Earlene Settlemire. Muriel Spears. They came here from very different places. They had very different backgrounds: their families, their educations, their life experiences. They had extremely different personalities. And very different interests. They were very different women.

And, yet, they were very much alike. How? (Other than the obvious fact that we have lost all of them in the last ten years.)

They were all intelligent, strong-willed women who gave a great deal of themselves to make this Valley, and the lives of the people living here, better. They built community facilities, including schools, libraries, clinics, the park and the first horse show arena. They established and ran community organizations and services: the Town Advisory Board, the cemetery and its Board, the Library and its Board, the EMT service, a Ms. Senior Nye County pageant, socials and teas for young women, horseback riding and showmanship. They registered voters and manned the polls. They raised their children and those of others. They gave faith, hope and love.

They fought, among themselves and with others, because they believed strongly in their causes. They weren't afraid to be different. They loved a lot, lived a lot, and laughed a lot. They were special women, and each of us owes them a lot.

I miss them, yes, even Nancy. They put color in our lives. And I wonder, as I look at the community today, who their successors will be. I can identify a few, but not enough. We need to take a chance and step out there. The quality of our lives, and those of our children, depend upon on us. Not just here, in this valley, but around the world. Are you willing to make a difference?

Have a great 2008.

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE

The Amargosa Valley School held a raffle for a Christmas tree that was decorated with ornaments that were all hand-made by the students. The students did a great job and the tree is beautiful.

The winner of the tree was Chad Barent.

Congratulations

TIPS FOR KEEPING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

From the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department

Amargosa residents are more safety conscious than city folk, but we go to town to shop for gifts. How can we protect ourselves and our families from accidents and injuries this joyous time of year? By taking a common sense approach, from the driving to home, that will add to your safety.

Driving

Probably the best suggestion about holiday driving is to give yourself extra time. The roads and stores will be crowded with shoppers and the arrival of the "snowbirds". There is road construction in and around Las Vegas that is causing congestion and other unexpected problems. When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren on, safely and carefully pull your vehicle as far right as you can and stop until they have passed. Look for any additional emergency vehicles following the first one before pulling back into your lane of traffic. Once at the store, do not park or wait in the fire lane, which is designated for quick access by emergency personnel to gain entry into the building.

While discussing driving, let's not forget that drinking and driving do not mix. If you intend to drink, please have a designated driver to see that you get home safely. Watching out for the other driver is especially true during the holiday-party season, they may not be sober.

Decorative lights and candles

Nothing brings about the festive sprit of the holidays like decorative lighting. The lights should be checked and tested each year for loose connections or cracked insulation due to our dry climate. If you are not sure the lights are safe, replace them with a string that has been approved by a reputable testing laboratory such as Underwriters' Laboratory or Factory Mutual. Most lights can have no more than 3 strings plugged together before overloading the thin gauge electric wire, always read and follow the manufacturer's directions. Outdoor lights should be fastened with plastic hangers not staples or nails. The winds in our valley can rub the insulation bare under the staple or nail, resulting in a short circuit that might cause a fire.

Holiday candles should never be left lit if nobody is in the room, they are notorious for tipping as they burn and can easily ignite surrounding decorations. Candles and open flames should never be used on trees or other decorative vegetation. Luminaries are a tradition in our valley, but care must be taken in their design. If you use the traditional brown paper bag method you might want to place the candle inside a glass jar and then weight the bag with sand as additional protection against the wind blowing the luminary over and causing a fire. Electric or battery powered luminaries give similar appearances to candles.

Trees and indoor decorations

Cut and live trees require special care when brought into the home. Cut trees should be purchased from a reliable dealer who can tell you where and when they were cut. Beware of trees that have been spray-painted to appear fresher than they really are. Check to see if the needles are pliable and not loose. Before bring a cut tree inside make a new cut across the tree trunk, at least 1/2 inch above the original cut. Keep the tree in a stand that holds at least a 2-day supply of water, and refill it daily. If the tree becomes dry remove it from the building; even well watered live trees dry out in the house and should be removed for planting after the holidays. The stand must prevent the tree from tipping over; small children and pets have knocked a tree over causing fires.

Trees should be located away from heat registers, space heaters or other things which will dry them out very rapidly. Trees have a natural resin that is highly combustible; this is why they are not allowed in public buildings. We saw the fury of the forest fires; imagine how quickly a tree inside a building would burn. Do not place a tree, either live or artificial, near the normal exits of your home. Blocked doors and hallways make escape difficult from even the smallest fire. **If you have a fire get all people out of the home then call 911 from a neighbor's phone, never go back into a burning building.**

POST OFFICE'S PASSPORT FAIR

On Thursday, January 10, 2008, from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. the Amargosa Valley Post Office will be hosting a Passport Fair. For more information please call 372-5379.