

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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AMARGOSA VALLEY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Jan Cameron

July 4th is on a Tuesday this year, so lots of folks will be taking very long weekends. Come spend the best part of it at the park with the other folks from Amargosa. Watermelon eating contest and tons of games for children will begin at 5:00 P.M. The horseshoe tournament starts at 6:30 P.M. in the horseshoe pits. Barbeque Beef Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Chili, Nacho's, Soda, and Lemonade will be available at the concession stand starting at 5:00 P.M. The Senior Center will sell popcorn and e apply temporary tattoos. The Memorial Support Committee will sell snow cones. The VFW will have beer and wine available. The 4th of July Committee will have a raffle with lots of prizes. A talent show will start at 6:00 P.M. Fireworks will be at about 9:15 P.M. or as soon as it is dark enough. Come celebrate the birth of this great nation and have fun with your neighbors.

4TH OF JULY RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

As always we have called upon the local businesses for donations of raffle prizes, and as usual they have been most generous. However we still have a need for more raffle items, so please, if you have a new item or money to donate please contact Shelly at the Town Office and she will make arrangements to either pick up the donation or let you know where you can drop them off. Any and all donations for raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. As always your on going support of our Community events is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY PLAN UNDERWAY

Shiela Rau

The newly appointed planning committee has just completed it's second meeting and under the direction of Dave Hall the ground work and goals are quickly taking shape. The meetings have been attended by committee members and interested town residents. This has enabled the process to begin moving forward very rapidly.

The goal of this committee is to formulate a plan that the county commissioners will accept and which as nearly as possible reflects the needs and wishes of our community. With this in mind all residents of Amargosa Valley who want to make suggestions or would just like to sit in on the meetings are welcome to attend. You may call the Town office @ 775-372-5459 to find out dates and times.

The recent attempt by County Commissioner Cox to bring all of Nye County property under the same rules as Pahrump precipitated the need to complete the planning process, addressing Amargosa Valley's needs and desires as well as establishing the fact that our town has it's own issues that are unique to our Valley.

By setting forth a plan that keeps the rural nature of Amargosa Valley yet still addresses safety and health issues we hope to insure the right to control the direction future growth will take. The plan will also include things like future road needs, parks, school locations and needed areas set aside to accommodate fire and ambulance locations.

GOT NEWS!

Call the Town Office with any news or announcements that you would like printed. We cannot sell advertisements, but we can make announcements such as new services to our Town, Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Baby or meetings we haven't listed.

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

Jan Cameron

My husband keeps telling me what it was like in Amargosa Valley in the good old days. Back when every phone in the Valley rang if someone knew that a neighbor needed help. And everyone came to fundraisers for those who had medical bills, or were burned out or some other need. And people supported their Senior Center, and Library and other community service organizations. What has happened to us?

Is it that we have grown too big? Well, I don't think so. We aren't really any bigger than when ABC and IMV were both going full strength.

Or is it because so many new people have moved here? Again, I don't think so. When I needed help a few years ago, one "old-timer" and three newcomers showed up, twice, for most of Saturday, on a holiday weekend.

Is it because we are busier now? Nope. We were busier when we had to do even more things just to keep our bodies and souls together. And when we had young children. And before our teenagers could drive themselves and run errands.

Is it because we are, as my husband says, a Valley of hermits? Well, we've always been a Valley of hermits. That is why we moved here, or stay here, because we like to have our space and our privacy.

Or is it because we don't have the money to support all of the needs? Nonsense. Money isn't required; attending provides support. We try to attend every fundraiser. We frequently don't know the people or otherwise fight for the cause. And we may not be able to help much financially. But our neighbors have a need, so we show up to provide support, along with the same 18-20 other people. (And, bless you 18-20 people. You know who you are!)

I think that what has changed is that we have become complacent and self-centered. We have gotten so caught up in our own little worlds that we have forgotten what has made this Valley great. Neighbors have made this Valley great! And if we aren't good ones, we can't expect others to be good to us, when we need it. Think about it. And then show up and do what you can.

4TH ANNUAL ART AND CRAFT SHOW A DISAPPOINTMENT

Jan Cameron

The 4th Annual Amargosa Valley Art and Craft Show, held at the Community Center on June 10, was a disappointment: not because of the art and crafts being shown and sold, but because of the lack of support. Nineteen artists and artisans had items ranging from beautiful hand-made cards and jewelry to oil paintings and prints, with home made lotions, potions, handbags, diaper bags and leather ponchos in between. Only around 60 people came to see and buy – half of them from Pahrump.

The Best Display award went to Gary and Mary Simmons (from Pahrump). Dave Donegan (Amargosa Valley) was awarded Best Art/Adult. Janice Sump (Las Vegas) won the Best Heritage Art award. Best Fabric Art went to Rosemary Bell, The Bag Lady (Las Vegas). Amargosan Genne Nelson was awarded the Holtz award for the best representation of any medium, in her case beaded jewelry. Our thanks to those who did attend and to the Memorial Support Committee who provided rolls and coffee and pizza, lemonade, and tea. The Committee raised over \$100 for their support fund. Sorry you missed it. Those of us who did attend had fun!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- 07-04-06 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION
AMARGOSA PARK 5: P.M.
- 07-02-06 EMT'S AMBULANCE HALL 9: A.M.
- 07-??-06 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7:P.M.
- 07-05-06 ART GUILD SENIOR CTR 6:P.M.
- 07-11-06 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7:P.M.
- 07-11-06 LIBRARY BOARD 6:30 P.M.
- 07-13-06 PLANNING COMMITTEE C.C. 7 P.M.
- 07-18-06 AREA PLANNING MTG. C.C. 7: P.M.
- 07-19-06 MEMORIAL SUPPORT C.C. 7: P.M.
- 07-20-06 CEMTERY COMMITTEE C.C. 7: P.M.
- 07-18-06 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6:P.M.
- 07-18-06 V.F.W. V.F.W. POST 7: P.M
- 07-24-06 SENIOR PROJECT COUNCIL SC 5:30
- 07-27-06 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

SENIOR CENTER ASSISTS SENIORS

Jan Cameron

Do you know a senior who needs an orthopedic boot (right foot), a wheel chair or a walker? Or one who could use a recliner that helps him/her sit or rise (and also vibrates and heats) while recovering from surgery? Or needs an elevated toilet seat? If so, call the Senior Center at 372-5413. We have these things, and others, available to loan seniors who need them.

If you know of a senior who needs a hot meal to be delivered – short-term or long-term (I needed this on the night of my out-patient surgery), call the Senior Center. And, if you know a senior who could benefit from going out to dinner and socializing with other people, bring them to the Senior Center. Dinner is served Monday through Friday, 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Suggested donations for seniors and their spouses are \$2.00. Adults pay \$5.00; children under 12 pay \$3.00 (such a deal!!).

FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Jan Cameron

On Sunday, June 11, Rosa Garey and Linda Gilliland sponsored a spaghetti diner/auction to benefit the Tovar family. The Tovar's lost everything they owned in a fire in May. Although only about 50 people attended (including a dozen children), they were generous. Over \$1500 was raised, in addition to donated household goods. If you have any furniture or household items to donate, contact Rosa or Linda to arrange delivery.

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW SUMMER HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Thursday

9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES & TALES”

Every Thursday from 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

LET'S TALK TRASH

Several month's ago the Town had a dumpster placed at the corner of Farm Road and Valley View. The purpose behind placing this dumpster was so that the citizens that we have who so kindly donate their time to remove litter from the sides of the road could place the litter in this dumpster without having to travel to the landfill. In recent weeks several citizens of our Valley have decided that they will use the dumpster for their personal garbage and yard debris. We have placed signs on the above mentioned dumpster in both English and Spanish requesting that you do not use this dumpster for your personal use. As bad as it sounds we will monitor this dumpster for any garbage that is being placed in it and if necessary we will contact you to advise you of a special pick-up scheduled through our Disposal Service and the invoice for that pick-up will be sent to you for full payment. We have a transfer station located at 345 S. Highway 373 for your personal garbage and yard debris or you may rent a dumpster from Amargosa Disposal Service (775) 372-1444.

We truly appreciate the people of our Valley that do clean-up the litter along our roads. If you would like to contribute to that effort then please feel free to place the litter or debris that you have removed from the side of the road in this dumpster. Otherwise please take your personal garbage to the transfer station or call to rent your own dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Oasis Mini-Mart

350 S. Hwy 373

Wednesday thru Sunday

11:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Soft Serve Ice Cream

Sundries

And Coming Soon

PIZZA

(775) 372-1700

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: Jul-06

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	3-Jul LEMON BAKED FISH BROCC SOUP STEAMED RICE MIXED VEGS SALAD/COOKIE BROWNIE 112	4-Jul CLOSED	5-Jul CHICKEN CACCIATORE CARROTS CUCUMBERS W SC WW ROLL ORANGE RICE- PUDDING 87	6-Jul MEATBALL SUB SPLIT PEA SOUP CUCUMBERS IN SC ORANGE MILK 100	7-Jul PORK ROAST MASHED POTATOES BROCCOLI NAVY BEAN SOUP PEACHES TAPIOCA PUDDING	CLOSED
CLOSED	10-Jul OVEN BAKED CHICKEN LIMA BEANS RICE PILAF CHEESEBURGER- SOUP PEAR CRISP	11-Jul BEEF STROGANOFF & NOODLES SQUASH SPINACH SALAD WW BREAD APPLE BUTTER 106	12-Jul CHEFS SALAD BROCCOLI CHEDDAR- SOUP CRACKERS BERRY PARFAIT	13-Jul BEEF STEW NOODLES SALAD BISCUITS HONEY JELL-O FRUIT	14-Jul CHICKEN SALAD SAND ONION SOUP BABY CARROTS CELERY STICKS PINK GRAPE FRUIT MILK 91	CLOSED
CLOSED	17-Jul TUNA CASSEROLE VEG MEDLEY SLICED TOMATOES WWBREAD APPLE BUTTER RAISIN BAR 56	18-Jul CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES GRAVY MIXED VEGS SALAD/COOKIE 103	20-Jun FRENCH DIP BRUSSEL SPROUTS BARLEY SOUP TATER TOTS YOGURT PIE/FRUIT	19-Jun CHICKEN POT PIE BROCCOLI TOSSED SALAD POTATO SOUP FRUIT/JELL-O	20-Jul PEPPER STEAK BROWN RICE TOMATOS VINEGARETTE DUTCH- APPLE CAKE 125 ROLL/PEACH BUTTER	CLOSED
CLOSED	24-Jul BBQ RIBS SCALLOPED POTATOE MUSTARD GREENS WW BREAD APPLES 50/50 B.D. 105	25-Jul WALDORF & CHEDDAR- SALAD CHICKEN NOODLE - SOUP VANILLA YOGURT RASPBERRIES 94	26-Jul LIVER & ONIONS MEXICORN TOMATOES MASHED POTATOES WWBREAD APPLE BUTTER 101	27-Jul TUNA SALAD SAND TURKEY BEAN SOUP CANTALOUPE CHUNKS COOKIES 75	28-Jul OVEN FRIED CHICKEN BAKED POTATO SOUR CREAM/CHIVES SALAD FRUITED GELATIN WW BREAD 107	CLOSED
CLOSED	31-Jul GRILLED CHEESE SAND MINISTRONE SOUP SLICED TOMATO CHOPPED ROMAINE FRENCH DRESSING FRESH KIWI 36			MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE		closed

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2006
AT THE
AMARGOSA VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK**

CELEBRATION BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M.

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

CARICATURIST

KIDS GAMES

BBQ BEEF SANDWICHES

HOT DOGS, CHILI

SNO-CONES, BEVERAGES

BEER & WINE



FIREWORKS SHOW BEGINS AT 9:15 P.M.