

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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6TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK

The celebration will be held on Friday, July 4, 2008 beginning at 5:00 P.M. in the Amargosa Valley Community Park.

The events include: Watermelon Eating Contest, kids' games for all ages, concessions, raffle, the best Bar-B-Que Beef sandwiches, horseshoes, kids fun in the arena (stick horse barrel racing, steer head roping, and a piglet and goat chase), Karaoke with Erin Booth, Kids dance in the gym, and of course an amazing fireworks display.

The concessions will be open at 5:00 P.M. and all of the kids games to follow shortly after. The watermelon eating contest will be at 6:30 P.M., the Fireworks show will be set off at approximately 9:15 P.M., The kids dance in the gym will begin after the fireworks (\$2.00 admission).

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle please contact Shelly at the Town Office (775) 372-5459. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. The money from the raffle goes towards the purchase of prizes for the kids' games and the POUNDS of watermelon that are needed for this event.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Happeny family would like to express its sincere thanks for the thoughtful, loving care and support during this most difficult time. You are all the best and it is wonderful to know that Jerry has such precious friends. We appreciate all you have done now and in the past—more than words can say. God Bless You!



THE SENIORS NEED YOU!

Did you know that by coming in and eating at the Senior Center, you are improving our head count and helping other seniors who desperately need the services we offer? If we do not get attendance raised, we might lose our Senior Center....i.e. **USE IT OR LOSE IT!** We have home cooked meals, salad bar, deserts, great conversation and a wonderful group of people that are all looking forward to welcome new faces. We also have arts and crafts every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm. Other activities include hiking, road trips, tours, movies, and pool tournaments. We are working on some new ideas as we speak, like getting cribbage games going once a week. If you have anything that you would like to do, please let us know. Our menu is posted in the town newsletter, and if there is something you would like to have added, we are open to your suggestions. Where else can you go out to eat and get a full meal with all the trimmings (and no dishes to do)? Seniors 60+ is a Suggested Donation of \$2.00. The fee for ages 59 and under is \$5.00 and ages 12 and under is \$3.00. Please help support the Amargosa Valley Senior Center; we have so much to offer.

Car-pooling is available; call one of the following in your area to arrange for a day to join us.

- 5614 AJ Griffin
VFW or Stateline
- 1314 Jean Adams
Cottonwood or Stateline
- 5465 Kenna Vallance
Farm Road
- 5713 Katie Hansen
VFW or Stateline
- 5138 Prudy Stengel
Diablo, Farm Road

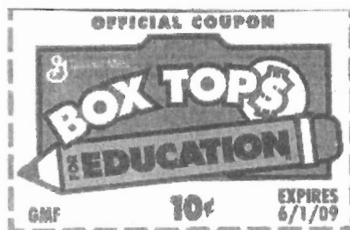
Currently there is a feasibility study in process for a new facility. If we do not increase participation, we might as well kiss the new facility goodbye too.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

07-04-08 4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK 5:P.M.
07-06-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.
07-06-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
07-08-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.
07-08-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
07-15-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.
07-15-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.
07-16-08 AREA PLAN CC 6 P.M.
07-17-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.
07-20-08 MEET THE CANDIDATES 5:30P.M.
07-31-08 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).



APARTMENT FOR RENT
SCHOOL LANE & FARM ROAD
2 BEDROOM/2 BATH
CONTACT:
TONY ALOSI (775) 513-1200
SHELLY 372-5459

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.

OPEN GYM

OPEN GYM EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN JULY FROM NOON UNTIL 3:00 P.M. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US AT OPEN GYM. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH OPEN GYM PLEASE CONTACT ERIN OR JON DELEE. THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM AND IS A TERRIFIC WAY TO KEEP THE KIDS OCCUPIED FOR A FEW HOURS EACH WEEK.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

"Property Clean-Up"

No Job Too Small

Jess & Patty Schwartz

(702) 340-5938

(702) 340-2805

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

"TOTALLY SAGE BOOKKEEPING"

Kay Reed

(775) 764-8723

MEET THE CANDIDATES

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAY, 07-20-2008 @ 5:30 P.M.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL'S

LARISA CRAIG'S

JULY 7TH THRU 11TH

9:00 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 A.M.

FOR INFO 760-938-3330

APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY

JULY 21ST THRU 26TH

8:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

FOR INFO 372-1408

AMARGOSA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

JULY 28TH THRU AUGUST 1ST

9:00 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 A.M.

FOR INFO 372-5602

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: They are the best there are. Our linemen, I'm talking about, our Valley Electric linemen. When I was getting ready to move out here full time eleven years ago, Robert told me to expect power failures. "Happens all the time," said he. And others cheerfully agreed. It was just a fact of life out here in the hinterland. Being an optimist by nature, I moved here anyway. (I had just married the man, after all.)

It turns out, everyone was wrong. We did have outages in my early days, usually on the hottest day of the summer or the nastiest night of the winter. And the lights did blink, and the clocks reset and all of that fun stuff. I particularly liked -- especially at night -- that my smoke detectors beep regularly when the power is off. You would think that those batteries would be busy conserving energy!

And then things changed. There wasn't any big announcement that things were going to change: no horns blowing, or lights flashing, or even newsletters showing up. But things changed.

Now I know that a lot of the equipment has been upgraded. But we still have the same lines going from the pole across the road to my meter, and from the meter to my house, which Robert had installed back in the mid-seventies. And we probably still have a lot, if not all, of the same line from the highway to the pole.

So what has changed? I think it's our guys: Aaron Lynn and Chuck Sackman. I have never lived anywhere where the linemen put their home numbers on the answering machine at the station. And they answer their phones. When the power is out at my house, by the time I find the 800 number and place the call, our guys are already on their way or at the source of the problem, fixing it. The outages are short and infrequent. They work in the heat and wind and rain and hail. When our weather is the worst, they are at their best, solving our problems so that we can remain in our nice warm (or cool) houses.

And, if I have other power-related problems, they are right there, too. "Hey guys, my security light is out." They show up the next day and replace the bulb. "My trees are playing with your power lines again." A couple of days later, they arrive with the chain saw and basket, and even stack the branches they cut. (The last time, Aaron did suggest

we solve the problem by removing the line rather than the trees, but he was kidding, wasn't he?)

I don't know about you, but I really appreciate professionals performing their jobs professionally. If they also add friendliness and extra customer service, well, they've got me on their side. And our guys are certainly friendly, customer-service oriented professionals. Thank you, Aaron and Chuck.

When I see our guys up in their baskets along our byways, I give them a toot and a wave, just to let them know that I appreciate them. Care to join me anyone?

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Once again I would like to thank all of you who helped to make Amargosa Days another weekend of fun. Your help as volunteers and your community support at the event made it a huge success.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

5K RUN

1st Greg Sullivan

2nd Joe Dotson

3rd Bonnie Lynn & Andrea Henry

2K RUN

1st John Zamora

2nd Wyatt Henry

3rd Brian – Horizon Academy

HORSESHOES

1st Jesus Moreno & Joe Dotson

2nd Saul & Brandon Villanueva

3rd Randy Kadrmas & Aaron Lynn

CHILI COOK-OFF

People's Choice

Horizon Academy – Boys

1st – Desert Seniors

2nd – Abby Brown

3rd – Cynthia Pahnka