

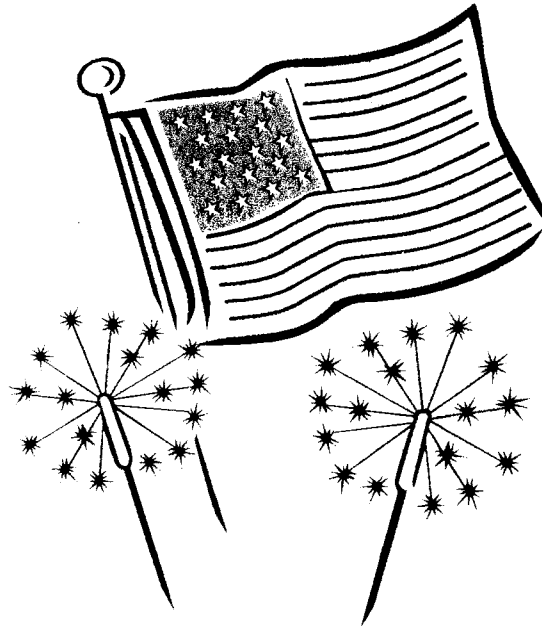
Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK



6PM

**HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS
COLD DRINKS
MEXICAN CORN AND CURRITOS
BEER AND WINE**

FIREWORKS AT DARK



***Public Hearing: County Commissioners
will Decide on Elected Town Board Status
for the Town of Amargosa***

July 18, 2011 at the Commissioners Hall in Pahrump. **Also**, We have tested the County's Teleconference system on the Town's computer, and expect to be able to have both directions, your voice and video will be heard and seen live in front of the Commissioners. We will make every attempt to have this in place on July 19th for the hearing. With thanks to the County Information Technology Department, and Jonathan Delee for his time in interfacing to our local broadband.

NEW HOURS at the SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center will now be serving from 4:00-5:00 pm. Events that used to start at 5:30 (Pool, Senior Council Meetings, etc.) will now start at 5:00 pm.

Amargosa Senior Center News

Please Mark your calendars for the following events:

Breakfast July 8th (9:00 to 10:30)

Start your morning with a well-nourished Breakfast.

Ham & Scrambled eggs with cheese, hash browns, Biscuits, Fruit cup and of course coffee and 2% milk.

The breakfast meals are being served on the second Friday of each month, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

The suggested donation for meals: Seniors age 60 and older is \$3.00; Ages 13-59 the fee is \$6.00. For 12 or younger, \$4.00.

Reminder: We need you! By your attendance and eating at the Senior Center, you are improving the head count and helping other seniors who are in need of our services. We serve quality and well balanced meals. Those seniors who have a disability, and cannot make it to our center we can present them with nutritional meals delivered to their home upon meeting the requirements presented by the Division of Aging Services.

Arts and Crafts every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm.

Open pool Friday Nites at 5:30pm and you must be 18 or older to play.

Ladies Pool is the fourth Wednesday of each month and is starts at 5:30pm also.

Senior Center Thrift Store:

Beginning July 6th, it will be open every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Please note all monies collected from your contributions will go towards our local seniors. Please call the Amargosa Senior Center if you have any questions and in need of meals.

**AMARGOSA YOUTH CENTER
At Amargosa Community Center**

Mon. & Wed. 1-4pm

Tue. 2:30-5pm

Volunteers Welcome!!!

For school age kids 9-18 yrs.

You can contact the following AVTAB members by email:

Joe DeLee

joe@amargosa.biz

Vern Gilliland

internvern@yahoo.com

Linda Bromell

smithandbrom@hotmail.com

Gary Atkerson

gaatkerson@aol.com

Joe Cohanav1joe@yahoo.com

***Town newsletter email address:
newsletter@amargosavalley.com***

***Please send copy also to:
town@amargosavalley.com***



Nye County Sheriff's Office
 Sheriff Anthony L. DeMeo



Presents:



2011

G.R.E.A.T. Summer Program

Amargosa Park



Ages K - 8th

Awards



Games



Amargosa

Monday - Friday

July 18-22, 2011

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

G.R.E.A.T.

Supporters

Nye Communities

Coalition

Prizes

The Ash Meadows Challenge!

Multi-media Contest

Did you participate in a "Let's Explore" event at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge this year? We want to hear what your experience meant to you! Here are some questions you might consider to get started:

- Did you try or do something for the very first time?
- Did you overcome a personal fear?
- Did you learn something new?
- Did you have an experience that changed your perspective or view about something?
- Were you inspired in a new way?

Your Approach

Share your story with us in a creative way! Your submission could include one or a combination of:

- Poem, essay, song, rap, storybook
- Original artwork (collage, painting, drawing, sculpture, digital poster, etc.)
- Short dance, play, or animation
- Still photo journal with captions
- Audio or video podcast
- A creative idea of your own!

Categories

The contest is open to youth of all ages. Winners will be selected for each of the following events attended:

- *Let's Explore After Dark!* June 4, 2011
- *Let's Explore 115° Fahrenheit!* July 23, 2011
- *Let's Explore Snakes & Lizards!* September 10, 2011
- *Let's Explore Wild Birds!* October 8, 2011
- *Let's Explore: Quest for the Bighorn!* November 19, 2011
- *Let's Explore: Backcountry Expedition!* December 10, 2011

Judging and Selection of Winners

Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

- (i) Artistic merit;
- (ii) Creativity;
- (iii) Communication of the contest theme:
How did "Let's Explore Ash Meadows" impact you?
- (iv) Whether the submission adheres to the contest rules.

Submissions

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2011. Each entry must be original work by the person who enters it into the contest. We will accept only one submission per person. All entries should include your name, age, mailing address, email address, phone number, school name, type of "Let's Explore" event you attended, and submission title. You may email your submissions to Alyson Mack at alyson_mack@fws.gov or mail it to the following address:

Alyson Mack
Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
610 Spring Meadows Road
Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

NOTE: Original artwork will not be returned to you. If you prefer, you may submit photos of paintings, sculptures, etc. instead of the original artwork.

Anyone interested in taking an **EMT Basic class**, please contact Amargosa Ambulance at 372-5656 or Pam Everett at 372-5562. Volunteering only 12 hours a week can be very rewarding and beneficial to your community

MEDICAL INFORMATION

By: Ed Munton

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Vaccinations

Most Health Insurance Providers either provide the following vaccinations free or at a discount from what they would cost at a clinic:

INFLUENZA (commonly called "flu")

Who needs it? All adults. Only 40% of adults get it.

PNEUMOCOCCAL (pneumonia, meningitis)

Who needs it? All adults 65 and older. Only 80% of adults get it.

DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)

Who needs it? All adults and most children. A booster for tetanus is needed every ten years; only 50% of

adults get it. Due to our porous borders and lackadaisical attitude toward vaccines, since 2008 Los

Angeles has seen a tremendous surge in whooping cough cases. California is now making it mandatory

for children 12 and older to have had a pertussis vaccination in order to attend school.

SHINGLES (Herpes Zoster)

Who needs it? All adults 60 and older. Only 10% get it.

Possible off Road Club

I have seen a lot of jeeps and 4x4s here in the valley. I know some of you use them going off road. I would like to know if you are interested in getting together to do some off-roading in the Amargosa Valley area or Death Valley. If you are interested, please call me (Gene Butler) at 372-1282

News from the Library

by Leslie Scott

The Library would like to remind parents that registration for the Summer Reading Program "One World, Many Stories" starts May 31st. Parents need to come into the library to fill out necessary paper work. If you have any questions please call us at 372-5340. Again, the program will begin with an optional lunch provided by the Amargosa Valley Elementary/Middle School at 12:00; activities will start at 12:30 and end 2:30.

La Biblioteca gustaria recorder a los padres que la inscripcion para el programa de los ninos k-8 "Un Mundo, Muchas Historias." Comienza el 31 de Mayo, Padres necesidad de entrar en la biblioteca para llenar el papeleo necesario. Si usted tien preguntas porfavor llame a 372-5340. Una vez mas, el programa se iniciara con un lonche opcional proporcionado por la escuela de Amargosa Valley. A las 12:00 de la tarde; actividades se iniciara a las 12:30 pm y se termina a las 2:30pm.

Schwan's for Seniors – A Success

Our thanks to all of you who participated in our Schwan's for Seniors event on June 11. Schwan's is sending us a check for \$313.37 – and you got good food delivered to the Valley. Remember that we have Schwan's ice cream treats for sale at the Senior Center during open hours (12:30 – 5:30 pm). Thanks again for supporting your seniors.

Dear Amargosans Be Aware
by HELGA

We all knew very well, the Dust-Devils running thru the Valley, taking trees out, doing a lot of damage, but what did this famous Dust-Devil do a week ago? He ran through my property, took a mobile home 5 feet from the right to the left and killing the pipes. It will take a lot of work to fix it to be liveable.

Why I am writing and talking? On the same day I was thinking to cancel my insurance as it is too much to pay every month. Luckily, I did not.

The question we should ask our Amargosa Town Advisory Board...

If the Dust-Devil hits your property, who will help in our valley to fix the Dust-Devils damage???

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION!

Amargosa Amateur Radio Club.

By: Glen Shoeck

As the club is busy with testing and Field Day I thought some fun facts about amateur radio might be appropriate.

Repeater: Repeaters are usually located at the top of a tall structure such as a building, tower or mountain top. The repeater simply receives the signal from one radio and re-transmits it to another. Because of the height, the repeater can greatly extend the range of a hand held or mobile radio.

Senator Goldwater, who was known on the air as K7UGA was a ham for many years and during the Vietnam War provided a radio/telephone link to thousands of GIs and their families.

Skywarn: Since the early 1970s the Skywarn program has enabled volunteer storm spotters to communicate information to the National Weather Service about severe weather activity.

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station: ARISS is a program that enables astronauts on the space station to communicate with groups such as school students. Volunteer ham operators set up their equipment in classrooms and the students can chat with the astronauts and ask questions. Even though they are in space, the astronauts still have to have a valid amateur radio license to communicate back to hams on earth; that's why most of the members of the astronaut corps are licensed hams.

Best regards: Although hams use many different modes of communication such as voice, digital and even television the original mode was Morse code. In order to save time many abbreviations were created by Morse users and 73 is used to sign off with a friendly good-by. Of course, if you are talking with that special someone a different number is used, 88, which means "love and kisses" nation, then wait for a reply. There is a whole network across the country linked together via VHF/UHF repeaters to carry messages back and forth thousands of miles away.

Amateur's have been around since the beginning of radio itself. Many individuals built, communicated and experimented with radio.

They communicated using Morse code, that strange configuration of dits and dahs still holds the fascination of many operators today. Amateurs, or "hams" as we are known, have been at the forefront of radio technology. Many hams have pioneered the art of radio and provided experimentation which has led to many of today's high tech. communication capabilities. A good example of this experimentation is communicating thru a PC. Hams also communicate with computers, but instead of using the phone lines to transfer the information, we send the information over the air waves using HF or VHF/UHF radio equipment. An example of computer communication on the amateur radio bands is called "RTTY", which stands for Radio Teletype, better known as simply teletype. RTTY is a very fun mode of communication, and much simpler to participate in with the advent of the desk top personal computer. Another example is called "packet", whereby "packets" of information are sent at the same time, arrive at their destination, then wait for a reply. There is a whole network across the country linked together via VHF/UHF repeaters to carry messages back and forth thousands of miles away.

The next club meeting will be Tuesday July 12, 2011 at Longstreet Inn and Casino at 6:30 PM. Interested in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator? The club has exam books for the entry level Technician class. Contact Gene Butler at 372-1282 to sign one out. Also available General class and Extra class exam books if you are interested in upgrading your license.

P.S. As of June 18 We have another General Class operator in the valley.

Local Websites

**Town Information, classified ads, minutes,
and agendas**
www.avnv.biz

Local pictures, tourist info, etc.
www.avnv.us

Internet services and real estate
www.avnv.net

Nye County official site
www.nyecounty.net

Amargosa Valley Chamber of Commerce
www.amargosachamber.org

Amargosa Senior Thrift Store Opening July 6th

The Senior Center will be opening their Thrift Store beginning July 6th, Every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. To drop off donations, please call and schedule an appointment with Linda, 764-0150, Pat 372-5401 or Ellie 372-5244 and we can meet you at the center Monday thru Friday 10-5pm. Gently Used Items Only. Please no T.V.'s or heavy furniture. Please note all proceeds from your contributions will help in paying part of the food and salaries to keep the Senior Center Open. There are crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, canes and bedside potties for anyone in need. Call the Senior Center at 372-5413

Community Calendar

7/4: 4th of July in the Park, 6pm
7/5: Summer Reading Program, 12pm, AVCC
7/5: Amargosa Youth Center (AYC), 2:30-5pm, AVCC
7/5: Planning Committee mtg., 6pm, AVCC
7/6: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/11: VBS, 9am-noon, AVCC
7/11: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/12: VBS, 9am-noon, AVCC
7/12: Summer Reading Program, 12pm, AVCC
7/12: Chamber of Commerce, 12pm, Longstreet
7/12: AYC, 2:30-5pm, AVCC
7/12: Library Board 6pm, AV Library
7/12: Amateur Radio Club 6-8pm, AVCC
7/13: VBS, 9am-noon, AVCC
7/13: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/18: GREAT, 8am-noon, Park
7/18: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/19: GREAT, 8am-noon, Park
7/19: Summer Reading Program, 12pm, AVCC
7/19: AYC, 2:30-5pm, AVCC
7/19: American Legion 5pm, VFW
7/19: VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6pm, VFW
7/19: VFW mtg. 7pm, VFW
7/20: GREAT, 8am-noon, AVCC
7/20: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/25: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/26: Summer Reading Program, 12pm, AVCC
7/26: AYC, 2:30-5pm, AVCC
7/27: AYC, 1-4pm, AVCC
7/28: Town Advisory Board 7pm, AVCC

Spaying or Neutering Your Pet

Brochure submitted by: Maurie Choate

Why is it important to spay or neuter my pet?

Spaying or neutering your pet helps reduce the number of unwanted pets, and it provides long-term health benefits to your dog or cat. You care for your pet and want to ensure that he is happy and healthy. Unfortunately, for every puppy or kitten that finds a happy home, four others are unwanted, unloved and possibly neglected or abused. Don't be part of the problem-be part of the solution!

Spaying or neutering your pet also has long-term health benefits. In females, it helps to prevent breast cancer, uterine infections, and complications from difficult pregnancies. In males, it prevents testicular cancer and infections and other diseases. By spaying or neutering your dog or cat, you may also avoid problematic behaviors, like begging for attention or spraying urine.

What is spaying?

Spaying of female dogs and cats, called "ovariohysterectomy," is the surgical removal of the ovaries, fallopian tubes, and uterus. Spaying your pet eliminates all heat cycles and the accompanying unwanted bleeding, nervousness, and desire to mate. Female dogs and cats are often mature enough to reproduce once they reach the age of six months.

Studies show that by spaying your female dog or cat before her first heat cycle, you greatly reduce her chances of developing breast cancer later in life. Having your female dog or cat spayed will also protect her from uterine infections and difficult or dangerous pregnancies.

What is neutering?

Neutering of male dogs and cats, called "orchietomy," is the process of surgically removing the testicles. If neutering is done at an early age, it eliminates reproductive behavior.

Male dogs and cats benefit from the neutering process in other ways as well. Dogs are less likely to develop disease of the prostate gland, and both dogs and cats are no longer at risk for testicular cancer and infections.

After neutering, your male dog or cat will continue to have his own unique personality. He will be less likely to roam and will enjoy staying at home more.

When should my pet have the surgery?

Generally, veterinarians have recommended that a female pet be spayed before her first heat cycle, which means at about six months of age. Male dogs and cats can be neutered at six months to one year of age, but many veterinarians now perform the surgery on pets that are as young as two to three months. Your veterinarian will be able to recommend the most appropriate timing for your pet's surgery.

Spaying and neutering your pet not only helps reduce the number of unwanted pets, it provides long-term health benefits to your dog or cat. Be part of the solution-spay or neuter your pet.

RE: Spay/Neuter/Shots



Nye County no longer offers discounted rates.

SNAPS is starting up a program for discounted rates. Call Audrey Bayer for information 775-910-2336.

SNAPS is located at 5171 Hawkins in Pahrump.

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

MONTH OF: Jul-11

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED					1-Jul Seasoned Cod Tater Tots Mixed Veggies Soup & Salad Bar Brownies	CLOSED
CLOSED	4-Jul INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSED 	5-Jul BBQ Chicken Sour cream potato salad Steamed spinach, Corn on the cob, LF Margarine 7 Grain bread, Apple butter, Fresh banana 1	6-Jul <u>Veggie pitas pizzas</u> Salad bar Soup Pound cake with fruit	7-Jul <u>Turkey meatballs</u> w/Sweet & Sassy sauce <u>Pasta</u> Green Beans <u>Soup/ Salad bar</u> <u>Ice cream Mocha Pie</u>	8-Jul Ham & Scrambled <u>Eggs w/Cheese</u> Hash Browns Biscuits Fruit Cup Served 9:00 to 10:30 AM	CLOSED
CLOSED	11-Jul <u>Thai chicken stir-fry</u> with peanut sauce <u>Brown rice</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>Soup/ Salad bar</u> <u>Fresh fruit</u>	12-Jul Chef Salad Cheeseburger Soup Dinner Roll Tapioca Pudding	13-Jul Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Gravy cauliflower/ broccoli mix Salad bar Soup Birthday cake	14-Jul Turkey chili Cornbread Mixed green salad LSLF Italian dressing Ambrosia -13	15-Jul Herb and Lemon Cod Parsley buttered potatoes Mixed Veggies Salad bar Soup Rice Krispies Bars	CLOSED
CLOSED	18-Jul Spinach Lasagna Garlic Bread Carrots Soup/ Salad bar fruit cup	19-Jul BBQ Pork Scalloped potato Broccoli Dinner Rolls Soup/ Salad bar pudding	20-Jul <u>Turkey vegetable</u> <u>crescent pie</u> Green Beans <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Soup</u> <u>SF Jell-O</u>	21-Jul Baked liver & onions Mexicom Mashed potatoes Brown Gravy Soup/ Salad bar Ice cream	22-Jul Egg drop soup Chicken egg rolls Sweet-n-sour sauce Fried rice Steamed broccoli spears Peanut cookies 118 Salad bar	CLOSED
CLOSED	25-Jul Chili cheese baked potato, Steamed carrots WW Banana muffin Peach butter 37 FF Blueberry yogurt Orange banana juice	26-Jul Chicken fajitas Pinto Beans Flour Tortillas Salad Bar Soup Brownies	27-Jul Eggplant Parmesan Spaghetti W/sauce Carrot Raisin Salad Garlic Bread Salad bar Soup Sherbet	28-Jul <u>Salisbury steak</u> <u>with mushroom sauce</u> <u>Rice</u> <u>Spinach</u> <u>Soup & Salad Bar</u> <u>Fresh Fruit</u>	29-Jul Hot turkey sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Salad bar Soup Peach cup	CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		

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Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

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ECRWSS
LOCAL PATRON

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INITIATIVE TO BECOME AN ELECTED TOWN BOARD.

***LOCATION: PHAHRUMP COMMISSIONERS HALL
DATE: JULY 18, 2011 10:AM***

YOUR VOICE WILL COUNT!

Live Teleconference from the Town Office to the Commissioners Meeting.