

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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## **AMARGOSA DAYS**

This year's event will be held on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. We will be holding a Chili-Cook-Off on Friday night at 5:00 P.M. and this will take place in the Park this year (to allow for set-up of the Art Show). The parade, art show, races, kid's games, concession, swap meet, BBQ dinner and entertainment by the Old Time Fiddlers will take place on Saturday. Also this year we will be having a "Pancakes in the Park" breakfast so plan on spending the whole day with us and you won't have to cook or do dishes (unless you would like to volunteer to help with those chores in the park). Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you all there. Please see the flyer in the back of this newsletter for the schedule. We hope to see you all there for a week-end of fun. One last note: If you would like to join in the baseball games please bring your glove, these games are lots of fun for young or old.

## **PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL**

The sidewinder hatch this season in the Amargosa Valley appears to be bigger than normal and numerous new dens are being seen. They do not make any warning noise and move quickly.

Beware.

## **OBSOLETE CELL PHONES**

About 600 million obsolete cell phones are laying around in U.S. homes and offices. If you have one, you can recycle it and do a good deed. Log on to [www.gooddeedfoundation.org/aarp](http://www.gooddeedfoundation.org/aarp) and follow the easy prompts. You will receive a postage paid envelope or you can drop them in the collection boxes located at the Library or Town Office for a community phone recycling efforts.

Some phones will be sold, with the proceeds going to programs that help women and children escape poverty or to suppose climate-change initiatives. And some will go to older adults so they can make 911 calls.

## **FLAG DAY**

If you have worn or tattered flags, please bring them to the VFW Post. You can leave them in the foyer of the VFW Post.

A ceremony will be held at the Post on June 14, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

For more information call the VFW at (775) 372-5253.

## **FREE KITTENS**

If you would like a kitten please contact Nita Fuller 372-1543. These kittens must go to a good loving family. There are several colors to choose from. The kittens are very friendly and ready to go to a new home.

## ***THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB***

By: Erin Booth

Greetings and Salutations to everyone and welcome to the newest residents of Amargosa Valley!

First of all, I would like to let everyone know that our 2008 Summer Reading Program is underway, due to start effective June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. It will end on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the day before school starts. Here are the highlighted events:

Daily, we will have Story Hour from 11am till 12 Noon.

Weekly, we will offer incentives to the children who participate and read for us.

They will, depending on the reader, read either 1 to 2 Books and/or 100 to 500 pages.

Monthly, there will be bigger incentives for the active readers of Amargosa Elementary school, as well as two large programs. This will include a program on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am from Christina Nalen, the Visitor Services Manager of Ash Meadows National Wildlife Preserve. If you are a parent of a child who attends Amargosa Elementary School, you will have a copy of the events on a calendar. A calendar is available to everyone online at our website at: [www.amargosalibrary.com](http://www.amargosalibrary.com) as well.

The second thing that I want everyone to know: We will have new Library Hours for the Summertime!

The new hours will come into effect on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, and will be as follows:

Mondays – 10am till 6pm  
Tuesdays – 10am till 7pm  
Wednesdays – 10am till 6pm  
Thursdays – 10am till 7pm  
Fridays – 10am till 6pm  
Saturdays – 10am till 2pm  
Sundays - Closed

Please note: Due to Amargosa Days the Library will be closed on Saturday June 7, 2008.

Thirdly, an important item for everyone to read:

As of late, we have noticed an increase in the amount of damaged DVDs being returned to the Library.

In an effort to promote “healthy” DVD returns, we wish to post the following suggestions:

Please do NOT allow children to touch them. (finger prints and scratches)

Please do NOT allow the DVD(s) to remain either outside of the case or the DVD player. Please do NOT use the DVD for anything other than its designated use.

Please do NOT remove the protective plastic slip placed over the DVD. They work with this item on them and it protects from scratches.

If you notice that a DVD you have borrowed is defective, please DO notify the Library immediately.

Please note: DVD's are more fragile than you might believe them to be. It's only fair that everyone keeps them in as good condition as possible so that others may enjoy them, too.

We will see what happens in the coming months, but if this continues, we will have to start charging for DVD's that are returned in less than satisfactory condition.

We thank those of you who have continually returned them in good condition and hope that, with the above mentioned guidelines, the rest of you will continue in that regard.

And now, saving the best for last, I wish to announce that Osvaldo Granados has been promoted to the title of Library Assistant and I encourage everyone to congratulate him on this achievement!

## ***From This Corner of the World***

By: Jan Cameron

Following is a reprise of a "Corner" that appeared in the August 2006, newsletter. It doesn't seem possible that Earlene has been gone almost two years. But she has. And the Fire Department and the EMTs still desperately need new members, especially you youngsters (aged 45 and under). Not everyone can do these things, but some of you can. If you are smart, and strong and loving, they will train you. And, you, too, could become an angel!

"Amargosa Valley recently lost one of its angels. Most of you already know that, because almost half of you attended the funeral of Earlene Settlemyre. By referring to her as an angel, I don't mean to imply that she was perfect. Earlene would never have claimed that designation. She was intelligent, hard-working, opinionated, and probably a little stubborn. She was also a dedicated EMT who had been part of our emergency services for many, many years: hence the "angel" designation.

Being an EMT or a fire fighter in Amargosa Valley is very difficult. Your life isn't your own because you are almost always on call. While others are enjoying Christmas dinner with their families, you are out putting out a fire and saving buildings and lives caused by someone's Christmas tree. Or you're on I95 taking care of people in an accident on the way to their family for the holiday. Instead of attending your son or daughter's special school event, you are driving someone to town that fell off a ladder or had an appendicitis attack or other problem. You get to spend your weekends sliding down the Big Dune rescuing some idiot who tried to fly in an ATV and hit some other idiot "flying" from the other side. In the heat of the summer, you are in Ash Meadows fighting a brush fire to

protect the Amargosa residents who live nearby.

You have to see strangers and friends and, sometimes, family, in the throes of serious illness or injury or death. And you have to pretend that they are all strangers and do what you have to do to try to save their lives.

No, being an EMT or Fire Fighter is certainly not easy. But those wonderful people who do both tell me that it is rewarding. Certainly not in money: they are not paid. The only real compensations are a job well done: a fire put out, a building or vehicle saved, a life saved. It takes a special kind of person to do these jobs. And they are all angels.

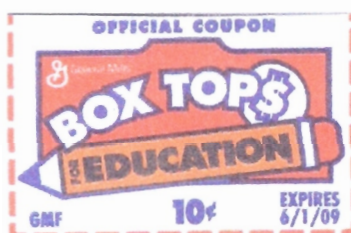
And we need more of them. Most of our volunteers have been with the two services for a very long time. Hence, they are getting older. We need some youngsters in their late teens, 20s, 30s or, even, 40s to volunteer. Training is provided for both the Emergency Services and the Volunteer Fire Department members. If you might be interested, call the Fire Department at 372-1111 or call the Ambulance Hall at 372-5656. And, if you don't want to become one, at least thank one. They are all special people. And you could be an angel, too."

## ***C.P.R. CLASSES***

Vern Gilliland will be teaching C.P.R. Classes for high school students (must be 13 years old to attend). This class is for students who will be available for babysitting service. Also if anyone else is interested or in need of C.P.R. training please feel free to contact Vern Gilliland at 372-5659 to sign up.

## 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).



## 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.

## ARENA CLEAN-UP

June 21, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. we will be holding an arena clean-up to get the arena ready for use. Please join us in getting one more facility ready for use within our community.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

06-01-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.  
06-06/07 **AMARGOSA DAYS**  
06-06-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.  
06-09-08 SUMMER READING BEGINS  
06-10-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.  
06-10-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.  
06-11-08 AREA PLAN CC 6 P.M.  
06-12-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.  
06-14-08 FLAG CEREMONY VFW 6 P.M.  
06-17-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.  
06-17-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.  
06-26-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

## OPEN GYM

**OPEN GYM EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN JUNE 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.**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

*Remember 4<sup>th</sup> of July is right around the corner and this years event promises to be even better than last. New games, events and as always a great time. Mark your calendars.*

**E.M.T. 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDER CLASSES  
WILL BE HELD IN BEATTY ON  
JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>  
&  
JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> & JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M.**