

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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THE LIONS PASSING

By: Jan Cemeron

Some people just touch your lives. They usually don't intend to. I mean they don't get up in the morning and think "Today I'm going to make someone feel special"; they just do it without thinking. Robert – Bob – Reagle was one of those.

I met Bob shortly after I moved out here. He was already not feeling very well and had some trouble getting around some days, but he brought sunshine to a room. He first teased my Robert about robbing the cradle and then teased me. We shared a hug, one of many to follow. And I knew that this big bear of a man was a sweetheart.

In his earlier years, I know that Bob was very involved with the Senior Center. I'm not sure exactly what he did, but it was sufficiently impressive that one of my early pleasures upon joining the Senior Project Council was to present to Marie "Governor's Senior Samaritan Awards" for each of them. And, though not a member, Bob was very active in VFW events. He also helped run the weekly bingo games for years.

Bob and Marie always attended the Mothers' Day Brunch fundraiser for the Volunteer Ambulance Service. I missed him this year. And though I didn't know yet that he had passed on, I knew in my heart that he must have. He wouldn't have missed it otherwise. When I returned from a lengthy trip and read of his passing, I cried. For me, I'll miss his sunshine.

He was a goodwill ambassador, a cuddly koala in a big bear's frame. Anyone who had the pleasure of encountering him had a better day, and life, for it.

Another such Amargosa Lion was Lucy Good. Amargosa Valley had no medical services or emergency transport. So Lucy went to Las Vegas and got trained as an EMT. Then she trained others. Then she drove people into the Las Vegas hospitals in the back of her station wagon until the community could afford to buy a used ambulance. She continued to serve as an EMT for years.

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Lucy, along with her husband, Ed, was involved in almost everything. They helped build the Volunteer Fire Department. They coached kids. They helped with community events. They helped with fundraisers. They raised three kids and helped build the community.

Lucy had wit and wisdom. She loved good jokes (especially naughty ones). She loved animals.

She loved her kids, and her friends, and her community. And we loved her.

Lucy became a recluse in her later years, but that didn't keep her from contributing and helping. She removed herself from the world, but certainly didn't forget it. She still contributed, counseled, and, as secretly as possible, gave what she didn't really have to give. That was Lucy.

When she was being loaded into the ambulance for her last trip, she asked the EMT if he knew any dirty jokes. I hope he did. She deserved a good laugh, having provided many, many herself.

So, our Lions are passing. I hope and pray that there are, among us, others who will grow to match them: to bring sunshine, to build, to contribute. Lions make communities worth living in. And I'm sure that there are some cubs out there that will grow into lions. And they'll do wonderful things and build good memories for others. But my Lions are passing, and I'll miss them just the same.

OPEN GYM

In order to continue the open gym program volunteers are needed. Beginning June 15, 2009 from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday the gym will be open for the kids to play games, shoot pool, play ping pong do arts & crafts or visit. This is a great program and the kids always have lots of fun. Erin and Jon DeLee are the coordinators of this program but cannot operate it by themselves. If you can donate your time please contact them at 702-544-2570 or 702-544-2623. Thank You!

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

I often wish for help with my garden. Now don't get me wrong. Robert does help. He does the compost hauling and tilling. Then I take over. Except for this year. This year, I've had lots of help. And it's not that I don't appreciate it, but would you stay out of my garden!! No, not you, THEM: the long-eared, big-footed, running, chewing, wrestling puppies, of course.

First they discovered that they could get through the field fencing around the asparagus bed. We didn't have any chicken wire around it because it had previously been the herb garden and not may wild critters like herbs. I had completely rebuilt and replanted this year, so at first I only had volunteers from the one previous bed. I didn't get a one. I knew they would grow up, so I figured: problem over. Well, I am getting more asparagus, though I can't eat most of the new ones. But they did grow up. And they learned to climb.

I went into the main garden one morning and found my five rhubarb plants squashed to the ground. Likewise, my 2.5 feet tall snow peas and shelling peas. I didn't know whether to sit down and cry or shoot them. I didn't have time to cry, and they are still here, but I DID think it.

We put in more fence posts. They climbed next to them, and enjoyed the peas, and the leeks (well, not so much after the first try), and the squash, and the artichokes, and the basil, and the edging strips I used to separate the herbs in their new garden, and the tubing leading to the watering heads, and leaping from bed to bed, and digging in the nice, soft dirt, and just everything about the garden.

So, since new posts didn't solve it, and they don't seem to understand "STAY OUT OF MY GARDEN!!", Robert and I spent the last two days putting up taller fencing around the gardens. And replacing corner posts. And adding more metal posts. And anchoring extra posts against the beds and leaning out over the top of the fence. Our gardens look like fortresses from the 1700's. Will it keep the big-footed babies out? I don't know. But if I still have a garden when we return from a ten-day trip East for granddaughters' college graduations, I guess we'll relax.

And if not, well, at least they're cute. And they will grow up. Someday. Enjoy the weather.

PS: Mr. Misty goes into the garden too. But he just makes small, discrete holes in the sides of the beds, and then recovers them. Cats are so much more polite!

NEEDED: GOPHER CONTROL

All of you know the problems that gophers can cause. Unfortunately, the Park is being overrun by the furry critters. We need approximately \$2000 for gopher abatement. If you can contribute to this cause, please bring make your checks out to Town of Amargosa with "gophers" written on the memo line and either drop the check by the Town Office or mail it to Town Office, HCR 69 Box 401-W. The Park is very important to our community and we need to preserve it. Thank you for your support.

AMARGOSA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER HAPPY FATHERS DAY

We have 8lb bags of Ice for sale for \$ 1.00

We will be having Father's day dinner June 19th and after dinner is pool night so take Dad out and join us for dinner and pool, we look forward to serving you.

If you are homebound and would like to have dinner delivered please call Tammy at 372-5413.

We would like to take this time once again to say thank you to MOWAA & Wal-Mart foundation for the grant to reinstate our Home Bounds to five days a week they all appreciate the hot meals.

The center desperately needs to get the head count up so please please please join us for dinner at the center (take out & homebound meals are not credited towards the head count) and help save our center.

The Just a reminder we are no longer taking donation, due to we no longer have a thrift store, and it would be greatly appreciated if you take your lightly used donations to Beatty Senior Center or to Pahrump.

FOOD PANTRY AT THE SENIOR CENTER

06-25-2009 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB

By: Erin Booth

Hello and far-thee-well all you fair-weathered, far-out residents of Amargosa Valley!
Happy Summer Time, as well!

First of all, I would like to announce the promotion of Osvaldo Granados to the position and title of Library Manager. Osvaldo's dedication to our patrons, collection development, materials management and school's needs have been exceptional and I would like to personally thank him for all the hard work, dedication and the fine example of good citizenship that he provides for our community. Way to go, Osvaldo! ☺

I would also like to announce our newest employee: Idalia Femat. Idalia comes from a strong customer-service background, having been a familiar face at the currently closed Amargosa Country Store. Her bright and cheery disposition, along with her dedication and determination to get the job done provide us with an excellent addition to our staff, and most certainly, a welcome face to the circulation desk for our patrons. Welcome aboard, Idalia! We expect great things from you! Thank you for your hard work and determination, too! ☺

Additionally, I would like to thank our Billing Manager, Pat Durgin, for all her hard work and determination as well as for her excellent attention to detail when it comes to all issues that have to do with billing. Not to mention, her witty and wise demeanor at the circulation desk, something highly valued from all of our Senior Citizens here in the valley. Well done, Pat! Your continued hard work and vivid personality add yet another touch of excellence to the library, staff and of course, our patron's lives as well. ☺

Secondly: after much deliberation, we have changed the Library hours as follows:

Monday and Wednesday:	10am to 7pm
Tuesday and Thursday:	9am to 6pm
Friday:	9am to 4pm

We have discontinued Saturday for the time being due to extremely low traffic and this schedule shall remain in place at least until School starts again in the Fall. ☺

For those of you who did not know, our library history book, "A Diamond in the Desert", written by former Library Director, Sam Eddington, is complete! Sam will be here in Amargosa Valley for his book signing party on Saturday, July 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Center. There will be drinks and snacks available so please, show your support for your Library! Any of you aspiring writers, no matter what your age, should really attend this event. Books will be available for a donation. Way to go, Sam! ☺

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Last, but certainly not least: We'll have thank-you ceremony for the children who participated in last year's Summer Reading Program and shall commence activities for this year's Summer Reading Program come July. The theme for this year is "Be Creative at your Library". We will audition for a play, have painting and other art classes weekly from July to August (just before school starts!) so please look for our 2009 Activity Calendar that we will make available to you in July's newsletter. ☺

We thank you for your continued patronage and support and hope you have an awesome summer. Congratulations to all of you hard-working kids at the Amargosa Valley School. It has been a pleasure to help you achieve your reading goals!

THANK YOU AMARGOSA VALLEY

By: Karen Clayton

1st International Bank would like to thank the people of Amargosa Valley for its success when we opened our branch on July 2007; we know that 2009 will be a great year for 1st International Bank and the town of Amargosa Valley.

1st International Bank hails from the State of Texas, but in 2007, decided to lay down roots in great state of Nevada.

1st International Bank is a "Well Capitalized Bank" established in 1991, specializing in Commercial Real Estate lending and is an SBA Nationwide Preferred Lender. The Texas based bank has been actively involved in the community and has been committed to providing excellent customer service along with offering some of the best banking products in the market.

1st International Bank hopes to gain the trust from all the residents in Amargosa. As an active community bank we hope to be involved in all of Amargosa Valley's community activities and plan to host events for the residents of the town as well. Through 1st International Bank's clear insight into the needs of its customers, the bank has built a reputation of providing innovative products while at the same time maintaining a great level of customer service. 1st International Bank, the independent community bank with a worldwide name. 1st International Bank is a Member FDIC bank and an Equal Housing Lender.

For more information please give us a call at 775-372-1100 or just stop by for a cup of coffee and meet the great staff!

Thanks,

Karen, Caroline, Debbie, Rene, Ana

***PLEASE HELP
PRESERVE OUR MEMORIES***

When we have to publish story of people we are losing we need to realize that a large part of history is being lost with them. Some of us will remember that Bob was a teddy bear and that Lucy & Ed were a huge contributing factor in creating the Ambulance Service and Fire Department that we all depend on today. However there are not many of us and the generation that raised us is slipping away. We need to document our memories, so that they can be passed on to future generations. This project will need all of you to make it happen. Grab a pen and paper and sit down for a little while and write what you remember. My kids were shocked when I told them I attended school in what is now the AVIA building. Our present school began where it is today my 6th grade year. It's these little tidbits that need to be preserved. The ups the downs the failures the success are all the making of this community. If you don't remember all the details document what you do something small is better than nothing at all. If you don't feel like writing it, then record it and I'm sure we can find a volunteer to put it on paper. The library is working on a project which tells us the story of the many people who contributed to making our little town what it is so that portion is being preserved. Now lets put the stories to the people, I shouldn't name names but I'm going to. There are a few of us that still live here that have seen the biggest changes be it good or bad. Teresa Jacobs, Dinah & Ronnie Fowler Tina Dunlap, Nita Fuller, & Myself are the generation that watched our town go from way back then to today. We rode to school on buses that traveled on all dirt roads (we discovered you can make more dust inside the bus than it was making outside by simply placing the windows in the proper up or down position), we attended school on the AVIA grounds (our playground was covered with cinders from cinderlite) and we thought we were uptown (remember what happened when we fell off the merry go round) we got over the uptown feeling, street dances at Lathrop Wells, The birds Nest Theater, Danny Mills, Kenny & Chip Allison, Ralla Ellis, Bruce Records (I think) and there might have been few more (hmm see its fading) all played in a band. If American Idol was around then we would have sent them because they were awesome, to us any way. There was a time when we had 5 women's softball teams here in the valley. It takes a

lot of people living here to field that many teams, yes there was a time when we had a lot of people. These are just a few of the memories that come to mind and need to be saved so that they can be shared. They may not seem of much importance but they are. You might be the only one who remembers something that took place here. I personally am the third generation out of four so far that originally settled here. Thank you Grandma Mid and Grandpa Cookie you were the foundation for the little town I call home. We need to assist if needed our older generation in documenting their memories, they hold the memories of the foundation. I think we owe it to ourselves and to our future generations to give this project a try. So please try to take the time to jot down your memories drop them off to me at the office and I'll find someone who is willing to put the memories onto paper so we can keep them forever. This project can be on going and added to for many generations to follow. I thank you in advance for your contributions, and look forward to the responses.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the location to be announced. A guest speaker is schedule for each meeting. For more information contact Jon DeLee 702-544-2570.

PEREZ GENERAL SERVICES

Carlos & Olga Perez

Do you need any repairs or general clean up in your home, yard or garden?

Call us Carlos & Olga Perez with 20 years of experience in construction and house cleaning service. We are now offering our services in Amargosa Valley. We are responsible and trusted and we would love to be of service to you. Please give us a call at 372-5169.

***WOMENS SOFTBALL TEAM
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
PALYING WOMENS SOFTBALL
PLEASE CONTACT DOLORES PEREZ
372-5264
OR
CARMEN RAETZ 372-1228***

Spaghetti Benefit Dinner
at the VFW
on
Sunday June 7, 2009
at 5:00 pm for

Tom Fitzsimmons
who passed away
May 26, 2009

Tom was a Korean War Veteran
and an inactive member of both
the American Legion and the
VFW

Donations are needed
for the burial

AMARGOSA RADIO ACTIVE CLUB

The Amargosa Radio Active Club held their meeting on April 14th, 2009 at the Amargosa Community Center. As the members arrived, someone clicked their heels together and said "Toto, we are not in Kansas any more." The wind blew, the building shook, and everything outside disappeared in the dust. Mother Nature stole the show. Most everyone made the meeting including two new guests. Ann and Bill Bartley from the Amargosa Valley.

Tom K2QGT and Sheren KC625H Guthrie donated from their shop in Pahrump, Montana Promotional Designs, shirts to be raffled at the Amargosa Valley Days. The Radio Club is looking forward to participating in the Amargosa Valley Days for the first time. We hope to see everyone there.

Trustee, Archie Selbach KE7IOE "Said testing for F.C.C. License will be given every three months. Next testing will be in June 2009. Date, time, and location will be announced in the Amargosa Valley News Letter & on our website www.amvnews.com." For membership information: contact Archie Selbach KE7IOE (775) 372-9075.

archie_selbach@netzero.com or Gene Butler KE7VIU, Secretary (775) 372-1282
www.amvnews.com Amargosa Radio Active Club PO Box 101 Amargosa Valley, NV 89020-0101.

The next meeting is May 12th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

**Amateur Radio License Testing will be given on
June 13th at the Amargosa community center
821 E. Farm Rd., from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
Any questions call me at 775-372-1282 . Gene**

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

MONTH OF: Jun-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	1-Jun Creamed ham Biscuits Broccoli Salad bar Strawberry short cake	2-Jun Dixieland shortcake Black eye peas Garden salad FF Creamy Ital. drsg. Banana 98	3-Jun <u>Salisbury steak</u> with mushroom sauce <u>WW Bread</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Peach cup</u>	4-Jun BBQ Chicken Baked beans Corn Potato wedges Jell-o with fruit	5-Jun Eggplant parmesan Spinach spaghetti Carrot raisin salad Fruited yogurt pie Orange banana juice 18	CLOSED
CLOSED	8-Jun <u>Cilantro-lime chicken</u> <u>Warmed tortillas</u> <u>Broccoli and cauliflower</u> <u>stir-fry</u> <u>Black bean soup</u> <u>Peaches</u>	9-Jun Red beans and rice Beets in orange sce. Layered salad 100% WW Bread Apple butter Fruit cocktail 7	10-Jun Best ever Mac and cheese Asparagus Tomato soup Salad bar Brownie	11-Jun Meat loaf Mashed potato Gravy Brussels sprouts Salad bar Pear crisp	12-Jun Turkey pot pie Mixed green salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apples 83	CLOSED
CLOSED	15-Jun Cheese enchiladas Salsa and sour cream Spanish rice Hamburger soup Salad bar Peach cup	16-Jun <u>Lemon and herb chicken</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>Scalloped potatoes</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apple sauce</u>	17-Jun Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomato vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread, Apple butter Sliced peaches 101 Birthday Cake	18-Jun Onion soup, Spinach quiche, Colorful salad LFLS French dressing 7 Grain bread, Apple butter, FF Peach yogurt Sliced peaches 99 Tango Shake	Fathers Day din. 19-Jun Fish in Cilantro sce. Spanish rice Refried beans Mixed greens salad FF Catalina dressing Corn tortilla Mango orange cup 93	CLOSED
FATHERS DAY CLOSED	22-Jun Baked chicken Mashed potatoes Gravy Peas and carrots Salad bar Cup cake	23-Jun Stuffed peppers Spinach spaghetti Mixed greens salad LFLS Italian drsg. Garlic bread Nectarine 61	24-Jun <u>Turkey and bean</u> <u>tostadas</u> <u>Monterey jack cheese</u> <u>Seasoned zucchini</u> <u>Low fat sour cream</u> <u>Banana cream pie</u>	25-Jun Sweet-n-sour vegetables Egg rolls Oriental salad supreme Egg drop soup Ginger spice roll	26-Jun Tuna patties Rice pilaf Broccoli Mixed fruit Salad bar	CLOSED
CLOSED	29-Jun Lasagna Chopped spinach LFLS Italian dressing Garlic bread Fresh orange 46	30-Jun Green chili pork stew Cheddar cheese Warm tortillas Salad bar Jell-o with fruit	Happy Fathers Day			CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED	MEALS SERVED FROM		

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DATES TO REMEMBER

***BEATTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 06-05-09 6:00 P.M.
FATHERS DAY 06-21-09***

***SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER VACATION
WATCH FOR CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE PARK AREA***

4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK