

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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The Amargosa Valley Newsletter is undergoing some changes. The newsletter has an email address specifically for newsletter information. There is a deadline for articles so that all newsletters can be delivered on time. The deadline is the 20th of every month. The Newsletter is strictly for Town Information and to keep our wonderful residents up to date on all town events. If you have a meeting, event, celebration, benefit or article you would like to see in the newsletter please email us at newsletter@amargosavalley.com or call the Town Office at 372-5459. Thank you and Have a Wonderful May.

Welcome back, Lonnie. We missed you!

To Shelly Kadrmas Get Well Soon. We do miss your cheerful voice but we want you 100%.

To Andrea Henry Thank you for all your hard work in the Town Office.

Friendly Reminder:

Its summertime and we want to remind you to stay hydrated, drink water, use sunscreen and with the weather change comes the critters. Watch out for snakes and other venomous spiders and creatures. Be safe and have a great month.

Robbery in the Park

The Community Park is there for each one of us. It was built by the hard labor of some community people and is maintained and improved through OUR TAX DOLLARS. Unfortunately, we have had repeated instances of robbery at the park. The weed-whacker was stolen first, when the locks on both storage doors were cut with a bolt cutter. This is another cost to replace. More recently someone stole the galvanized pipe (17 gauge) that served as the top rail on the fence to the T-ball court/Horseshoe pit and by the walking trail and most of the eye-caps that held the pipe. All told, this is going to cost the Town about \$1,000.00 of your dollars to fix. If you have any information on these thefts, Please notify the Sheriff's Office at 372-5345 or the Town office 372-5459. If you see someone, other than Clint White messing with the park Call 911.

Memorial Service

Jim Rogers

May 15, 2010 at 10:00 am

In Community Center

Potluck to follow.

Upcoming Events

Amargosa Clinic has the Immunization Clinic every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month for children with no insurance. Immunizations are \$20.

May 7th- Senior Center Mothers Day Dinner

May 9th- Amargosa Ambulance Annual Mothers Day Brunch in Comm. Ctr. From 10am-2pm

Adults \$7.50

Seniors and Kids \$5.00

Kids 4 and Under are free

Amargosa HAM Radio Club Technician and General Testing Saturday May 15 in Community Center from 12 pm-2 pm.

Garden Club will meet May 16th in Community Center at 2 p.m.

Christ Of The Desert Church is having a Spring Bazaar May 30,2010 at 10:30 am.

Community Meetings

05-02-10 EMT AMBULANCE HALL 6 P.M

05-04-10 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.

05-11-10 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6 P.M.

05-11-10 AA RADIO CLUB MTG CC 6 P.M

05-11-10 AVFD FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M

05-12-10 MEMORIAL SUPPORT CC 6 P.M

05-13-10 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.

05-16-10 GARDEN CLUB CC 2 P.M

05-18-10 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M

05-18-10 VFW @ POST 7 P.M

05-27-10 TOWN BOARD MTG CC 7 P.M

Amargosa Valley School Events

MAPS Testing-April 26-May 7, 2010

6-8th Grade Career Cruising May 3 & 4

Staff Appreciation Week May 5-7

Picnic with the Principal May 14

6-8th Grade Career Cruising May 17 & 18

Academic and Science Fair at Comm.Ctr

May 18 5:30p.m-7:30pm

Field Day- Date and Time-TBA

Womens Softball Team

To begin as soon as there are enough players signed up. If you are interested in playing Please contact Dolores Perez at 775-513-5550 or Tina Oseguera 775-781-7957.

Scotty's Castle Organ Concert

Once again there will be organ concerts @ Scotty's Castle in Death Valley. This is wonderful evening with the incredible "pipe organ". Dates are Friday June 11th @ 7 PM & two on Saturday June 12 @ 5:30 & 7 PM. Seating is limited (40) and cost is \$35. You can make reservations @ 800-478-8564 ext. 10. Reservations go quickly so don't wait.

Several of us have gone in the past and it is magical.

Benefit

Jim and Dawn Bell

May 15, 2010 at 2:00 pm

In Las Vegas at the Outside Inn

7770 S. Jones Blvd

For Ticket Information please contact Yonna at 702-533-0950.

Spring Bazaar

Kermes de Primavera

At Christ of the Desert Catholic Church

En la Iglesia Catolica Cristo del Desierto

1730 E White Sands

Sunday May 30TH 2010 at 10:30 am

Domingo 30 de Mayo del 2010 a las 10:30

Mexican Food

50/50 Raffle

Car Wash

Comida Mexicana

Rifa 50/50

Lavado de Carros

Snow Cones

Bake Sale

Raspados

Venta de Postres

Yard Sale

Music and Much More

Venta

Piñatas

Musica y Mucho Mas

AMARGOSA HAM RADIO CLUB

By: Gene Butler
President

Technician and General Testing Saturday May 15th at the Amargosa Valley Community Center, from 12pm to 2pm. Any questions call Gene Butler at 775-372-1282. We are still looking for friends to become Ham radio technicians. Our club will be at the Amargosa Days Party at the park. You are more than welcome to join us. We will have our radio equipment set up and running, talking to other Hams around the world. Our Technician will be at the radio to help you have that conversation. This is far better and more fun than talking on a CB radio. Your CB radio has its place in the car as well as your H.F. radio. You never know when you might be called upon to give aid and or assistance in an emergency. (WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS YOUR HAM RADIO OPERATORS ARE THERE). There are no longer Morse code test requirements and we will help you with studying for the Technician tests. If sitting in front of the TV or counting weeds is getting to you, this could be what you're looking for. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Amargosa Community Center on Farm Road. Please come and join us at our next meeting night May 11th. After the meeting some of us have a late night snack at the Jewel of the Amargosa Valley, in the restaurant at Long Street Inn and Casino. And now some sad news, our good friend and ham Roger Fox KS4BX is now a silent key as he lost his fight with cancer last week, I did not know him as well as others have, but he was, is and always will be a gentleman, we will miss him greatly but will keep him on our role call list. See you at the next meet.

AT YOUR LIBRARY

by Jean Adams

We are open:

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9 AM – 5 PM

Tue & Thu. 10 AM – 6 PM

(CLOSED Sat. Sun. & Holidays)

We are weeding our collection to make room for new books so we will be having lots of books available. The suggested donation is 25 ¢ for hard cover and 10 ¢ for paperbacks. We are presently working on the non-fiction section.

There is a limit of 3 DVD's per person at a time. Please handle them with care and keep them in the case when not in use. If there is a problem with viewing please be sure to inform the staff when you return it to the library.

You can access our card catalog through the library website:

amargosalibrary.com

If you have any questions or requests, please feel free to contact the library at 372-5340.

From This Corner of the World

Life is continuous change. I have always been thankful that I liked changes – some better than others. Our furry family has one again changed. After Romeo passed, I asked Jon and Erin DeLee if I could “borrow” the little girl that they had hand-fed when her mother was killed. They were kind enough to let me. For about 36 hours everything seemed fine. The little black girl (we later named her Cleo, short for Cleopatra) seemed open-minded about Smokey and Mr. Misty. She would have been friendly with Rusty, but Rusty said “Auck, aunk” and Cleo thought it was better to go hide under the sofa.

The second day, Cleo was coming through the kitchen playing with a toy when Smokey, with me standing right there, jumped her. He may have thought that he was playing, but neither Cleo nor I thought so. I rescued her and put her in a safe place so that I could consider my options.

I adored Smokey; he is a cute, friendly (except to other cats), intelligent, entertaining boy, with a flat face and wonderful markings. On the other hand, I couldn't live with multiple cat zones in the house or as a one cat house. I finally decided that I had to return him, which made me very sad. I called a friend to emote. Shortly after we hung up, she called back and told me that her neighbors had mentioned going to the Pound to get a kitten, since their previous cat had died of old age a few months ago. I called, they came over, and Smokey moved to a wonderful new home. He now has four people and a dog, but no cats. I still miss him, but I am sure he is happy.

I, on the other hand, had Rusty and Cleo, who I didn't want to return, and who needed a friend. So I called and asked if I could have one of her two brothers as a “go with”. Jon and Erin

acquiesced and we adopted Marc (short for Marc Antony). The good news is that I have had

kittens before, not for twelve years, but I did have experience (unlike my puppy adventure).

They are hysterical. Everything is a toy or a game. I now have nothing lightweight on either of our vanities or the kitchen counters. My toes (but not Robert's) get pounced upon from under the bed (Cleo). No papers can rest on any surface they can reach, else they become mats for sliding or shredding fodder.

They are both very small, she more so than he, which is quite a change from my previous large flat-faced kids. They play hard and sleep hard, and are the first our putty cats to curl up with their Dad at night – a good thing. Their warm little bodies help keep him warm and don't help me be warmer than I already am.

Marc loves water, so he helps me brush my teeth and wash dishes. He is so fascinated with the toilet that he stands on the seat and watches it empty and refill. He tried, several times, to see what was happening when I was sitting on the seat. One morning last week, as I stumbled to the john, he, much to my surprise, raced in and jumped on the seat just as I was sitting down. We were both surprised when I sat on him! I jumped up and found him desperately clinging to the seat with both front paws, his rear-end barely touching the rim of the waste basket. It's a good thing my business wasn't urgent!!

Best of all, both Rusty and Mr. Misty think they are very entertaining. Both have started playing too, and they seem to have forgotten that they were afraid of each other in the process. Yeah! Happy Cats!

Enjoy the wonderful weather and each other!

**AMARGOSA VALLEY/BEATTY SCHOLARSHIP
INVEST IN SOMEONE'S FUTURE**

Who are we??

The Amargosa Valley Beatty High School Scholarship Fund Committee encourages and funds graduating Beatty High School students to continue into higher education. Many students don't consider continuing their education due to the lack of funding. We feel that by offering scholarships and giving them the opportunity, more students will choose to attain this higher education.

The original committee was started when Barrick stopped giving scholarships in '98 or '99. The committee has been further developed by several community members. The fund has donated close to \$10,000 per year for the last 6 years.

This year the Amargosa Valley Chamber of Commerce has agreed to take over the function of obtaining donations and awarding the scholarship.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

What we HOPE to do!

In 2009 we awarded a total of \$9,500 giving 8 scholarships. We would love to be able to help even more students this year. In the past the donations were from right here in our communities, but due to the local economy we are reaching out further this year. Help us help a student reach their full potential.

How it works!

Scholarship are awarded to graduates of Beatty High School (serving Amargosa Valley, Death Valley and Beatty communities) in the current year, who are in good standing at graduation and have avowed an interest in furthering their education on a full time basis at an accredited Trade school, Junior College, or University. Applications are made through the Beatty High School Counselor's Office, and will be complete with class standing, grade point average, activities in school, community activities, need, a short description of their goals and applicable SAT or ACT scores. The scholarship funds will be forwarded directly to the institution for the tuition and books once the chosen students are enrolled.

Committee Members:

Kay Reed – 775-764-8723; Jon DeLee – 702-544-2570; Jacque Carr; Shiela Rau; Diane George; Jean Adams – 775-372-1343; Bill Wahl

Help us help a student reach their full potential!!!

We hope you will contribute to our Scholarship Fund. Please make check payable to: Amargosa Beatty H.S. Scholarship Fund. Checks may be mailed to the address below, or given to a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Gradation is June 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Donations need to be in by May 15, 2010 so that we will know how many scholarships we will be able to award.

The goal this year is \$10,000. All funds are distributed; there is no overhead, costs or fees associated with any of the donations. All donations are awarded and if not used are retained for the next graduating class.

Please sign up today and one of our committee members will be happy to contact you with more information.

Amargosa Valley/Beatty Scholarship Committee
Amargosa Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2
Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

Senior Center News

Amargosa Valley Senior Center:
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! We will be having Mother's Day dinner, Friday May 7th 2010 we are serving Open faced turkey sandwich, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Brussels sprouts, Salad bar, Chocolate chip cookies.

We are looking for an activity director: if you are interested please contact Jan @ 372-1218 Thank you. If you or a loved one are unable to attend the senior center for meals due to sickness and or handicap and need home-delivered meals please contact Tammy @ 372-5413.

If you need a ride please call one of the following and join us for dinner.
5614 Aj Griffin----VFW or Stateline
1343 Jean Adams---- Cottonwood
5138 Prudy Stengel---- Diablo and Farm Road

Also come and enjoy: Arts & Crafts every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm and Friday night pool (must be 18 or older to play). Open pool starts @ 5:30 pm. Also every fourth Wednesday of each month @ 5:30pm is ladies night pool. So come on out ladies and have some fun. We look forward to you joining us for dinner and activities. We have 8lb. bags of ice for sale for \$1.00. And don't forget to bring us you crushed Aluminum cans

Eye care America

The Seniors Eye Care Program helps to ensure that all eligible seniors have access to medical eye care and promotes annual, dilated eye exams. This program raises awareness about age-related eye disease, including cataracts, provides free eye care

educational materials and facilitates access to eye care.
1-800-222-EYES (3937)

MEDICARE Scam Alert

Seniors Warned about New Medicare Scam
Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway's office reports that senior's in Kentucky and other states are receiving "fraudulent phone calls asking for personal information so that new Medicare cards may be issued to the consumers."

The caller claims to represent Medicare or the Social Security office and asks the consumer to verify or provide personal information that could lead to identity theft. Calls are originating from 866-234-2255. "When investigators dialed the number, they reached a recording that states that the number is being spoofed by "Medicare scammers" and that calls should be reported" to the state Attorney General or the Federal Communications Commission. Consumers should never verify or provide personal information to someone who has called them. When in doubt on Medicare or Social Security, consumers should hang up and call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or Medicare at 1-800-Medicare.

Senior Center News Continued.....

Fundraising

By Curt Stengel

I thought I could raise money for the Amargosa Senior Center if I could get permission to disassemble the Jackass Acroport hanger building near 95 and 373 and sell off the sheet metal, wood beams and posts. The proceeds would go to the Senior Center. I had heard BLM wanted the building removed from the air field property. After contacting the ex-BLM lease holder I requested permission to accomplish the removal. Months went by waiting for permission to begin work. My first choice of equipment contractor was denied. I found another contractor and permission was ok'd so we could begin work. The following is a partial description of what took place. I began by removing the wall sheet metal panels and hauling them to the Senior Center. Dennis Domina and his hired man began removing the roof sheet metal. Joining them was Lisle Lowe and his two hired men, who also removed sheet metal. They continued and finished the roof. Jim Kitchens, Dennis Domina and I removed the 2x8's from between the vertical frames and loaded them on a flat bed trailer. Next, Dennis backhoed the ground at the vertical posts and tipped the 32 foot assemblies close to the ground so Jim could impact wrench the nuts off the bridge bolts and I could drive the bolts out which separated the wood beams. Then, Dennis with his front loader chain loaded the beams and posts onto his flat bed semi trailer. Dennis leveled the site with his tractor. Jim and I spent a few days cleaning up debris and hauling it to the transfer station on 373. When the dust settled and all the sheet metal, wood beams and posts were sold our Senior Center received over \$2,000.00.

If you encounter Dennis, Jim or Lisle give them each a pat on the back, they earned it.

Radishes, especially daikon (long white ones), may hold off the squash bug!

We all know marigolds help keep bugs away, but so do nasturtiums - and both can be eaten in salads, soups or other savory dishes.

Keep your mint varieties away from each other, so that different bees will pollinate them. Otherwise, they will all end up tasting the same.

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

MONTH OF: **May-10**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3-May Reuben sandwich Thousand Island dressing Mixed veggies Potato wedges Strawberry cup Salad bar	4-May <u>Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce</u> <u>WW Bread</u> <u>Cauliflower</u> <u>Raspberry cheesecake salad bar</u>	5-May Chicken Fajita Spanish rice Refried beans Salad bar Cup cake	6-May Macaroni and cheese Steamed spinach French baked potatoes 100% WW Bread LS Margarine Stawb. Ban. Yogurt Orange juice 62	7-May Open faced turkey sand. Mashed potatoes Gravy Brussels sprouts Salad bar Chocolate chip cookie Mother's day dinner
10-May Vegetable chow mein Egg drop soup Egg rolls Oriental salad supreme Pears Ginger spice roll	11-May Spinach lasagna Steamed cauliflower Garden salad, Honey dressing, Garlic bread Cherry apricot granola cup, Orange banana juice 128	12-May Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomatoes vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Sliced peaches	13-May BBQ Chicken Sour cream potato salad, Steamed spinach Corn on the cob LF Margarine, 7 Grain bread Apple butter Fresh banana 1	14-May <u>Light bueno's burritos</u> <u>FF sour cream, Salsa</u> <u>Seasoned zucchini</u> <u>Garden salad</u> <u>Mixed fruit</u>
17-May <u>Zesty skillet pork chops</u> <u>Mashed sweet potato and parsnips</u> <u>Cauliflower</u> <u>Mocha cappuccino</u> <u>ice cream pie</u>	18-May Turkey pot pie Mixed greens salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apple 83	19-May Tuna patties Potato wedges Brussels sprouts Peaches Beef barley soup Birthday cake	20-May Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Gravy Seasoned zucchini Salad bar Peach cup Peanut butter cookie	21-May Chicken pasta, Herb veg. medley, Chopped fresh spinach, Honey dressing Garlic bread, Spiced applesauce, Orange banana juice 136
24-May Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Strawberry cup Sugar cookie	25-May Baked ham & pineapple Scalloped potatoes Broccoli Salad bar Peach cup Cup cake	26-May Roasted turkey Mashed potatoes Gravy Broccoli Salad bar Apricot cup	27-May <u>Oven fried chicken</u> <u>Peas & carrots</u> <u>Mediterranean soup with mozzarella cheese</u> <u>Colorful salad</u> <u>Bread pudding snacks</u>	28-May Lemon and herb fish Rice Broccoli Tomato soup mixed fruit Salad bar
31-May <u>MEMORIAL DAY</u> CLOSED		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.	

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ECRWSS LOCAL PATRON

Have a great May

Fire Department Hot Tip of the Month

If your tire blows out, don't slam on the brakes. You could lose control completely. Instead, take your foot off the gas and concentrate on staying in your lane. Slow down gradually and pull off the road to a safe location.