

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

“All the news that’s fit to print (maybe)”

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The Amargosa Town Advisory Board now has a full board. Joe Cohan and Gary Atkerson were appointed by the Nye County Commissioners on April 19, 2011. The AVTAB is always looking forward to hearing from residents of the community with questions, suggestions, concerns, etc.

You can contact the following AVTAB members by email:

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ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

Do you need a break? Would you like to have some private time while your loved one is with a caring, responsible and mature volunteer? RSVP Respite Care Program can help you to take a break, to get your hair done, have lunch with friends, take a walk in the park, spend quiet time at the library or go for a drive. Our volunteers are trained to be a companion for your loved one, we may play cards, Scrabble, have a conversation, watch TV or listen to stories, for about four hours at a time on a weekly basis. Call Jan Lindsay at 775-751-5282 for more information and to get your Respite for the Caregiver Program started. **Please call, we're here to help.**

CAREGIVERS NEED A BREAK TOO

Did you know that 40% of all caregivers caring for chronically ill loved ones 24 hours a day, seven days a week, die before their loved ones? It's true, which then triggers a huge risk for the loved ones

to be institutionalized which they fear more than death.

Imagine being responsible for a very ill loved one 24/7 with little time for sleep, meals or any other activities. The result is a stressed out, exhausted and often depressed caregiver whose own health has begun to deteriorate so badly both mentally and physically that both parties are at risk.

The RSVP Respite Care Program's goal is to have trained, capable volunteers who can persuade the caregiver that it's OK to leave for a few hours and not worry about their loved one. This is also a great experience for the loved one as it introduces a new person willing to hear old stories and get a laugh since the family caregiver has heard them so many times they no longer laugh at the stories anymore.

RSVP is actively seeking volunteers with a few hours a week to work in this most essential of programs which rewards caregivers for their dedication to their loved ones by keeping them at home where they are happiest and healthiest.

If you just want to look at the hard fiscal facts, it costs around \$85,000 a year to institutionalize one senior as opposed to around \$2,000 a year for volunteer respite care for two to three caregiver volunteers!

RSVP respite care volunteers tell us that it gives them great satisfaction to see the difference in a family caregiver that has had the opportunity for some private time to get their hair done, go to lunch with a friend etc. They say the caregiver returns refreshed and grateful.

Respite care volunteers can earn \$175 per month stipend and mileage to and from assignments at 30 cents a mile. For more details call Jan Lindsay, RSVP Field Representative at 751-5282.

SCOTTYY'S CASTLE ORGAN CONCERT

Three shows only: June 17-7PM

June 18-5:30 or 7PM

Ticket price is \$40.00--seating is limited so call to reserve your seat. 800-478-8564 ext 10 featuring concert organist James Welch.

MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST AND CEREMONY

American Legion Post 26 will be preparing breakfast at the community center on Memorial Day, May 30. Hours will 8am until the traditional ceremony at 10am with VFW Post 6826 and their Ladies Auxiliary. Breakfast will be omelette or eggs cooked to order with potatoes, toast, and biscuits and gravy.

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

SCHWANS FOR SENIORS

On June 11, Schwan's will hold a fundraiser for your Amargosa Senior Center. You may **pre-order** your items using our special fund-raiser event number (34712) and **pick those orders up**, on Saturday, June 11, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at Senior Center on Desert Senior Lane. (Take Farm Road to Williamson, to Desert Senior Lane. You will see the trucks.)

So, if you can, save up your orders and order them through our account. We will receive some funding from all Schwan's items you purchase and pick up that day. Catalogs and pre-order forms will be available soon at the Library and Senior Center, as well as through home delivery during most of May.

You may also come and **buy what you need without pre-ordering**. There will be **several** trucks, and the drivers will bring a wide assortment of things that they know people in our Valley use. And there will also be **some samples being prepared on site**, so that you may try new items. This would also be a great time to **stock up on ice cream**.

So help Schwan's help us and get your frozen food delivered to the Valley on June 11.

AND, soon we will have Schwan's ice cream for sale at the Senior Center. Watch this space and posting places for more info.

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

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH CANCELLED

Due to the economy and many of her factors beyond our control, the Amargosa Volunteer EMT's Association will unfortunately not be able to conduct the annual Mother's Day Brunch this year. We know that this will be a major inconvenience for some as this has been an annual event for more than 20 years and many of you look forward to it as a way to treat your mother on her special day. We have tried very hard to keep this event alive but it is going to be impossible this year. We appreciate all the support we have received in the past and hope we will be able to reinstate it in the future. It has always been our only fundraiser for the year and any cash donations will be gratefully accepted this year. They may be dropped off to Pam at the clinic or mailed to Amargosa EMT's Association, HCR 70 Box 537-9, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020. Again, we are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 8AM HOT DOG LUNCH TO FOLLOW

The Cemetery Board would like to remind those that wish to decorate graves with headstones, gravel, concrete, or anything else that the decorations need to stay within the 5'x10' border of the grave. This is important. Otherwise the Cemetery Board will have to move your items if a grave needs to be dug next to it. Please call to 775-372-1996 to have your grave marked out before putting any permanent decorations. Thank you.

Ladies, You're Invited
to the 6th Annual
Joyfullears Tea

Coming Soon



Bring a Friend

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"

at Church of Amargosa
1865 W. Farm Rd.
(8 mi west of Hwy 373)

Saturday, May 14, 2011
Doors open 1:30 Starts 2pm

Guest Speaker

Cost by April 20th \$15.00

Rita Sieffert

for info & RSVP
Rebecca 702-575-2017
Debbie 775-537-7842 After & at Door \$20.00
Sherry 702-575-2014
Local # 372-1617

Please send payment to:
Joyfullears Tea, Church of Amargosa
Hc 69, Box 495R, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

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Name & Address _____ Name & Address _____

Ph No. _____ Ph No. _____

Church of Amargosa
presents special guest

Richard Fenton

from Pahrump

Sunday, May 8

11am

Church of Amargosa

1865 W. Farm Rd.

(8 1/4 miles west of 373)

Pot Luck Dinner

775-372-1617 or 702-575-2014 (2015)

Richard currently does the Helping hands for Jesus. You may have seen the articles in the local papers, he feeds and helps provide for the homeless and others in need. (He drives the Jesus van)

For over 40 years Richard was into drugs, alcohol, & pornography among other things. He met Jesus and his life was miraculously changed in an instant.

He is currently trying to build a Rehabilitation center including shelter & preparing the jobless for the work force.

Come hear the story of a man who is doing more than talk.

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

Town newsletter email address:
newsletter@amargosavalley.com
Please send copy also to:
town@amargosavalley.com

Community Calendar

- 5/3: School Board mtg. 5:30pm, avail. for video conference by request
- 5/3: Joyfullears Activity 6pm, Church of AV
- 5/5: AVTAB Budget mtg. 6pm, AVCC
- 5/7: Cemetery Clean Up 8-11am
- 5/8: Richard Fenton at Church of AV 11am
- 5/10: Amateur Radio Club 6-8pm, AVCC
- 5/10: Volunteer Fire Mtg. 7pm, Hall #1
- 5/12: Planning Committee 6pm, AVCC
- 5/14: Ladies Tea 1pm, Church of AV
- 5/17: American Legion 5pm, VFW
- 5/17: VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6pm, VFW
- 5/17: VFW mtg. 7pm, VFW
- 5/18: School Board Budget hearing 5:30pm, avail. for video conference by request
- 5/19: Library Board 6pm, AV Library
- 5/26: Town Advisory Board 7pm, AVCC

Amargosa Valley Ham Radio Club

Amargosa's Amateur Radio Club is moving its meeting site for May to the Longstreet Inn. The Club has its meetings on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM. Occasionally, a technical presentation is given at 6:00 PM for those who may have questions or issues regarding equipment, operations, or Federal Communications Commission rules.

Amateur Radio had its beginnings at the turn of the last century with the invention and birth of wireless communications. Over the course of the 20th century, radio enthusiasts helped advance technical innovations that have led to today's sophisticated and fascinating hobby. Amateurs participate in a wide range of activities, including public service, especially during emergencies when conventional means of communications are disrupted. Amateur service is reflected in the organizations Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service or RACES and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) in which ham operators assist civil and/or military agencies in the conduction of their operations during emergencies.

Ham radio is also a fascinating hobby for anyone interested in electronics or long distance communication. Unlike Citizen Band (CB) radio which has a very limited range, ham operators communicate with like-minded friends around the world. During the celebration of the anniversary of our own Amargosa VFW on March 19, the Radio Club made international contacts, including one logged in remote Siberia .

If you are interested in learning more about amateur radio, please join us at any of our meetings. Here you will find members willing and eager to help you find the materials and study aids for taking the license exams. On successfully passing, the Federal Communications Commission will issue you your very own Station License and Call Sign. You do not have to be an electrical engineer to pass these exams. In fact, many famous people have held licenses including, for example, Walter Kronkite, General Curtis Lemay, Art Bell of Pahrump, Marlon Brando, Jr., Donnie Osmond, and Cardinal Mahoney of Los Angeles.

The radio club was pretty busy during Amargosa Days with 4 vehicles in the parade, Bingo, and an ARRL testing session. We also sponsored the Chili Cook-off. We would like to congratulate the winners of Bingo, and also the winners of the Chili Cook-off.

We now have 2 new General Class operators in the valley. Congratulations to both. If you have an interest in amateur radio, please attend our meetings. You do not have to be licensed to be a Club member. But, if you

want to get your FCC station license, the exams no longer require Morse code. Our next Club meeting is on **Tuesday May 10th** at 6:30 pm upstairs at the Longstreet Inn and Casino.

Next Amateur Radio Tests will be given June 18 2011, from 12:00pm till 2:00 at a location to be determined.

LONGSTREET CAFÉ

Now under new management. Larry and Teresa Cantwell are offering homemade pies as well as the regular menu. Daily specials are available. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner starting at 7am.

News from the Library

by Leslie Scott



The Library is now selling snacks. We are offering a small selection of cookies, chips, crackers, soda, and water. The prices will be \$0.25 to \$0.50. Calling all world travelers! The Amargosa Valley Library will be launching the Summer Reading Program June 14th. Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the library presents "One World, Many Stories." Children will explore places from Europe to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The Summer Reading Program is open to Kindergarten through young adults, with programs, story hours, a reading club and more. Registration for "One World, Many Stories" begins on May 30, 2011. Also, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help during the program or if you have any special skills that would be appropriate for the theme, "One World, Many Stories," please contact Osvaldo at 775-372-5340.

In addition, the Amargosa School Cafeteria will be offering free lunches with the Summer Reading Program. Lunch will be from 12:00pm to 12:30pm and the Summer Reading Program will start at 12:30 at the Community Center. For more information please call 775-372-5340 or visit our website www.amargosalibrary.com. All programs are free of charge.

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413



MONTH OF: May-11

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	<p>2-May Chicken Fajita Spanish rice Refried beans Salad bar Soup Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>3-May Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce WW Bread Cauliflower salad bar Raspberry cheesecake</p>	<p>4-May Sweet and Sour Pork Rice Broccoli Soup Salad Bar Sugar cookie</p>	<p>5-May Turkey Mashed potatoes Gravy Brussels sprouts Salad bar/Soup Sherbet</p>	<p>6-May Breaded Baked Cod Scalloped potatoes Veg Medley Salad bar Clam Chowder Peach Cup</p>	CLOSED
<p>8-May HAPPY MOTHERS DAY CLOSED</p>	<p>9-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></p>	<p>10-May Spinach lasagna Steamed cauliflower Garden salad, Honey dressing, Garlic bread Cherry apricot granola cup, Orange banana juice 128</p>	<p>may Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomatoes vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Pudding</p>	<p>12-May BBQ Chicken Sour cream potato salad, Steamed spinach Corn on the cob LF Margarine, 7 Grain bread Apple butter Fresh banana 1</p>	<p>13-May Bacon Scrambled Eggs Pancakes w/ Syrup Fruit cup</p>	CLOSED
CLOSED	<p>16-May <u>Zesty skillet pork chops</u> <u>Mashed sweet potato</u> <u>and parsnips</u> <u>Cauliflower</u> <u>Mocha cappuccino</u> <u>ice cream pie</u></p>	<p>17-May Turkey pot pie Mixed greens salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apple 83</p>	<p>18-May Vegetable chow mein Egg drop soup Egg rolls Oriental salad supreme Mandarin Oranges Birthday cake</p>	<p>19-May Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Gravy Seasoned zucchini Salad bar Peach cup Peanut butter cookies</p>	<p>20-May Chicken pasta, Herb veg. medley, Chopped fresh spinach, Honey dressing Garlic bread, Spiced applesauce, Orange banana juice 136</p>	CLOSED
CLOSED	<p>23-May Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Spanish rice Refried Bean Salad Bar Ice cream</p>	<p>24-May Chef Salad Hot Rollw/ Margarine Cheeseburger Soup Jell-O w/ fruit</p>	<p>25-May Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Baked Beans Baby carrots Salad Bar Soup Fruit Cocktail 34</p>	<p>26-May <u>Oven fried chicken</u> <u>Peas & carrots</u> <u>Mediterranean soup</u> <u>with mozzarella cheese</u> <u>Salad Bar</u> <u>Bread pudding snacks</u></p>	<p>28-May Lemon and Herb fish Rice Pilaf Corn Tomato soup Salad bar Cup Cake</p>	CLOSED
<p>CLOSED</p> 	<p>30-May <u>MEMORIAL DAY</u> CLOSED</p>	<p>31-May Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fresh Spinach Salad Minestrone soup Melon</p>	<p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> 			CLOSED
			<p>2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	<p>MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.</p>		

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Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

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Free *Saturday May 14*

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Free Hot Dogs & Burgers: 5p.m. - 7p.m.

Live Music: 7p.m. & Later



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