

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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Announcement:

Contrary to rumors, the newsletter is alive and well. The Town Advisory Board has never had any intention of discontinuing the newsletter. Please keep your articles coming. Don't forget the last day to send your articles in is the 20th of the month. Yard sales will be published for any resident of Amargosa Valley starting next month. E-mail times and dates to newsletter@amargosavalley.com

Questions/Answers relative to Amargosa Valley Fire Issues

Responded to by:

Richard L. Osborne Sr., Nye County Manager
Brent Jones, Emergency Services Director
Date: October 26, 2010

Questions from:

From: William & Veronica

When exactly was the Amargosa Town Advisory Board FIRST notified of the changes to be made in the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department; who was notified, and how was the town and Fire Department to be made aware of these changes?

ANSWER:

The directive pertaining to Nye County Emergency Services having oversight of the Volunteer Fire Department within towns with appointed town boards was passed February 16, 2010. The Director of Emergency Services met with the Amargosa Town Board Chairman Jan Cameron twice prior to this taking place. The meetings were 2 ½ hours each (Total 5 hours) and were recorded so that the substance of the meetings could be shared with anyone interested within Amargosa Valley. Dates of the meetings: November 23, 2009 and November

30, 2009. After each meeting the recordings were given to Ms. Cameron for others to access.

Prior to these meetings with Jan, there was a meeting between the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Emergency Services personnel, Jan Cameron and Lonnie Fuller. The view of Amargosa Valley was acknowledged and discussed.

So the fact that the directive was going before the BOCC was known well in advance of the document being passed with a unanimous vote.

Have any of the volunteers applied for or accepted other positions within the Volunteer Fire Department of Amargosa. If so how many?

ANSWER: No

How many of the past and current volunteers of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Services have submitted to a physical and how many have passed/failed? Were they offered other positions within the Volunteer Department or did they show interest in other positions?

From: Trevor Dolby

What is the pass/fail criteria that the Doctors at Advanced medical use when they conduct their pass/fail routine firefighter exams ?

ANSWER:

Currently 5 active members of the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department have taken their physicals. Due to privacy laws we are not permitted to discuss pass/fail. Some have questioned why a physical is subjective; why is it shown as pass/fail; physical exams are by their very nature subjective, you ask a medically trained person to give their opinion based upon their knowledge, skills and training. It has

always been this way regardless of where the physical exam is given.

Currently 7 more active members have received and signed paperwork to take with them for the physical examination. We are awaiting them going through the process with the medical provider.

The new applications being processed (approximately 7) will eventually get to the physical process once they have fulfilled the other requirements. (Application, drug test, attending meetings, oral interview, etc.)

Those active members who have not received their paperwork for the physical will be provided that information as they attend training sessions and meetings.

The three individuals classified as Community Emergency Response Team members do not require a physical.

Questions from Pat Minshall.

Why are you taking over our volunteer fire department and what rules/laws are allowing you to do so?

Answer:

It was generally thought by Pool Pact and other governmental sources that Nye County had oversight responsibilities; however, it had not been readily accepted in Amargosa Valley, even though, it was accepted in other geographic locations around the county. In order to assure consistency and compatibility in procedures and equipment, the county had to take a leadership role and exert some influence.

In towns with appointed town boards such as Amargosa it is important for the Board of County Commissioners to clarify the responsibilities and appropriate organizational structure. Through a directive that was issued

by the BOCC on February 16, 2010 Nye County Emergency Services was assigned the task of ensuring that the volunteer fire departments located within towns with appointed town boards were doing what is required by federal, state and county laws and codes.

While the County does have immediate oversight, the volunteers who serve on the services still have a great amount of input and say in the manner in which things operate. It is a team effort with the ultimate goals being volunteer safety, consistency in the way we respond throughout the County and generating effective communication between all volunteer fire departments and Emergency Services to ensure the best possible service is provided to the communities.

Lon Fuller has been our fire chief for a number of years and based on results has lead our department in a most productive way. Is there any way he can be re-instated to his job?

Answer:

Mr. Fuller is no longer employed by Nye County and due to this being a personnel issue we cannot address this question in this forum. No, he will not be re-instated.

Questions from Bruce Durgin:

I would like to preface with the fact that I have never meet Mr. Jones nor heard him speak to the issue of the Amargosa fire department. Having said that, I am inclined to dismiss the rumors that he is ill mannered and of questionable parentage. I am inclined to believe Mr. Jones is trying to bring all emergency services in Nye County up to a standard that will encourage business (and their insurance carriers) to set up shop within Nye County.

Now to the questions.....

If I dial 911 will fire and ambulance show up at my residence?

Answer: Yes.

What is the primary location from which these services will be dispatched?

Answer:

The Amargosa Valley Fire and Ambulance facilities. Beatty dispatch located in the Sheriff's Office will handle the call for service. Should additional resources be required, they can be sent from other locations as necessary.

From Trevor Dolby:

About a month and a half ago , About the time that Shaun & Delisa quit & Lonnie got fired Scott called a meeting to see who all we still had . Jim Medici was there because he had brought out that trailer & some volunteers since it looked like there was almost not Amargosa VFD . It became apparent then that Rick & Dave wanted back on the Amargosa VFD (they had both quit a month or two prior over some discipline issue) . According to the Amargosa VFD bylaws there is a process for getting people on the Amargosa VFD. It is essentially, they attend three meeting in a row & then get voted on by the membership. Medici , at first hesitated on getting into the issue , but part of the issue was that the Amargosa VFD was so short handed . Then Medici got a cell phone call from Brent Jones and left the meeting & went outside to talk on his cell. When he came back in , he said that if Rick & Dave want to be on the VFD then they are on the VFD , effective immediately.

So, my question is:

8. Do the Amargosa VFD bylaws mean anything to Brent Jones & Rick Osborne?

Answer:

Yes, all input from the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department is important to the County as we decide the best path moving forward in the future.

AMARGOSA HAM RADIO CLUB

Clyde Butler PAST President

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY VICE PRESIDENT ANDREW GUDAS, MY SECRETARY BONNEY GROENERT, AND MY TREASURER SHERON GUTHRIE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK FOR THE CLUB. IT HAS BEEN A REAL JOY WORKING WITH YOU. NOW FOR SOME NEW INFORMATION - AS YOU MAY KNOW WE WILL BE HAVING A BINGO NIGHT SATURDAY NOVEMBER THE 13TH AT 5PM. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS A REGULAR HAPPENING AT THE AMARGOSA COMMUNITY CENTER BUT WE NEED MORE THEN JUST PLAYERS. WE NEED TO HAVE SOME FOLKS TO SELL FOOD OR ANY THING ELSE THAT WILL MAKE SATURDAY MORE THEN JUST BINGO. THIS SHOULD BE A FUN SATURDAY. THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR COMMUNITY EVENTS, IF YOU DON'T GET INVOLVED THEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO GRIPE, GET INVOLVED, HAVE SOME FUN. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ME GENE BUTLER 775-372-1282 OR ARCHIE SELBACH 775-531-5332 (COME ON LETS HAVE A PARTY.)

WEEP NOT IN SORROW

Weep not tears of sorrow
Because I've gone away,
But weep with tears of gladness
For the peace I have today.

I know your hearts are heavy
With sorrow that you bear,
But God has called me home,
My place is ready there.

My stay on earth's completed,
My final rest is won,
I've received the richest blessing
To dwell with God's own Son.

Upcoming Events

Nov 2nd: Joyfullears activity meeting 5:30/6pm
Church of Amargosa on Farm Rd.

Nov 4th: from 5pm-8pm
The DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, will have a meeting at the Amargosa Community Center. They will be discussing solar technologies and the environmental assessment that will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Solar Demonstration Project at the Nevada Test Site.

Nov 16th: Joyfullears business meeting

Nov 25th: Thanksgiving Dinner 3pm at Church of Amargosa on Farm Rd. 372-1617 cell 702-575-2014

School

No School Nov. 1st & 2nd.

No School Veterans Day Nov. 11th & 12th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Nov. 17th from 12:00 – 6:00 PM.

Early Dismissal on Nov. 24th (11:30 am)

No School on Nov. 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

At the Senior Center

BINGO! the second Wednesday of each month, starting November 8. \$.50/ double card/game. 50/50 split. 5:30 pm. Daubers for sale.

We will be having breakfast November 12th at 9am to 10:30am. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, banana, orange juice, coffee and 2% milk will be served.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served November 17th. We will be having turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, candied yams, warm apple cider and pumpkin pie. So mark your calendars, we look forward to sharing the holidays with you.

If you or a loved one needs a ride to join us call AJ Griffin @ 372-5614 or Jean Adams @ 372-1314 or Prudy Stengel at 372-5138.

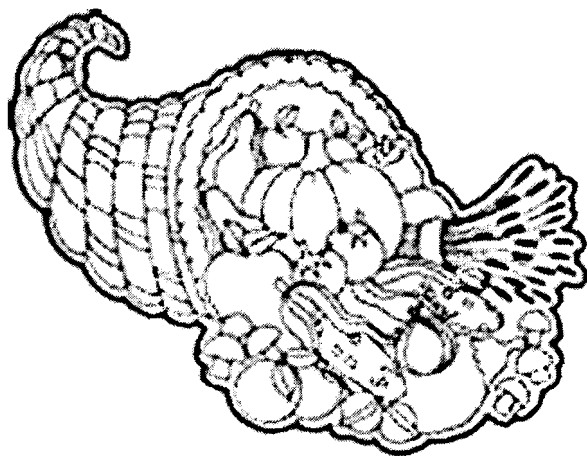
We have arts and crafts every Wednesday from 1 – 4pm. Anyone can participate. Come work on your own projects or learn to do a different craft from others.

Ice for sale \$1.00 for 8lb bag

Open Pool: Friday night pool starts at 5:30pm you must be 18 or older to play.

Ladies pool is the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm.

**Thank you to IMV
for all the food and treats.**



Community Meetings:

11-02-10 American Legion VFW 7pm.

11-09-10 Library Board AVL 6 pm.

11-09-10 AVFD Fire Hall #2 7pm.

11-09-10 New Senior Building at SC 5:15pm.

11-09-10 AARC 6pm.

11-15-10 SR Project Council SC 5:30pm.

11-16-10 Ladies Auxiliary VFW 6pm.

11-16-10 VFW @ Post 7pm.

11-25-10 Town Board Meeting CC 7pm.

BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Business Men's Fellowship Breakfast will not be held in Nov. nor Dec. due to the busy holiday season. We wish you all a joyous and Blessed Holiday and hope to see you at the January 29th breakfast.

!!! THANKSGIVING DINNER !!!

It's Free

Church of Amargosa would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would like to join us for a wonderful home cooked meal on Thanksgiving, Thurs Nov 25th at aprox 3pm. There will be Turkey and all the trimmings.... lots of good food, Pies & other deserts !!!

Please let us know if you are coming as we want to make sure that we have enough food.
Sherry 372-1617 or cell 702-575-2014

If you need a ride call ahead if possible and we will make sure you get there.

It's time spent with friends & neighbors that make the Holiday's memorable.

Medical Information:

Supplements

Some supplements are beneficial. The American Heart Association is recommending Omega-3 Fatty Acid, 2000 milligrams weekly. Sources are: salmon that is ocean-caught ("wild-caught, not from a "fish farm"), anchovy, sardine, and others.

When one experiences a wound or burn, the zinc blood level is lowered. It is believed that taking a supplement of zinc, 15 to 50 milligrams daily, will promote healing; it should be taken with food.

With few exceptions, if one eats a well-balanced diet of fruit, vegetables, whole grains and protein, one does not need vitamins and supplements. A complete source of these are not available in Amargosa Valley. So if you're not

shopping in Pahrump or Las Vegas regularly, vitamin-mineral supplement might be desirable. The Consumers Report reports that the one they recommend for content and price is Kirkland Signature (Costco).

There are many supplements that are just plain dangerous. The Food and Drug Administration has found over 170 supplements that are dangerous. When a supplement is labeled "USP verified", this indicates that a government agency verifies that the supplement is safe. Do not take and oral medications from China as China as yet does not allow US inspections of their manufacturers, and deaths have been reported from Chinese products.

The following supplements from the US sources are dangerous and have resulted in some deaths: aconite, yohimbine, colloidal silver, germanium, to name but a few. Many of these ingredients will be listed in small print on the labels. If in doubt ask your M.D. Or pharmacist. These products are on the shelves today.

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ELECTION OF TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

November 18 will be the election for the three town advisory board member seats. Please mark your calendars and come make a difference by participating in your community November 18 at 7pm.

The Nominees are: Joe DeLee,
Flower Sullivan, Mike Simpson, Veronica Piffer, Joe Cohan, Gary Atkerson

Good luck

News from Amargosa Valley School

by Diane George

We had our first PTSS Meeting (Parents and Teachers for Student Success). It is like PTA. Not very many parents showed up, so our second meeting was a potluck dinner, elections, and prizes.

This one was more of a success as many parents attended. We elected new officers. They are: Mati Meza - President, Beatriz Garcia – Vice President, Diane George – Secretary, Yolanda Robles – Treasurer.

The cost to join PTSS is \$5/family. If you join, you can help your child by attending meetings, finding ways to foster school and home communication, and your child may attend some of our fun activities (i.e. movies, field trips, parties, etc.). The next meeting will be Nov. 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm, with a movie afterwards at 6:00 pm.

Reminders: Parent/Teacher Conferences are Nov. 17th from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Students will be dismissed early (11:30 am). No School (Teacher Professional Development) Nov. 1st & 2nd. No School Veterans Day Nov. 11th & 12th. Early Dismissal on Nov. 24th (11:30 am) and No School on Nov. 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

News from the Library

Jean Adams

Thanks to Leslie our website has been updated. The address is www.amargosalibrary.com. I hope you will take a look at it and find it useful. Please call the library if you can't get the catalog to work, our phone number is 372-5340.

The library still has a lot of overdue materials and passed due fines. We have decided that November will be fine forgiveness month. If you return your overdue materials or pay your fine we will reduce your amount owed in half.

We are still weeding our books and DVDs (and some videos) so stop by and take a look at what we are discarding. This will take quite a while to complete so there will be additional materials available each week.

I personally would like to thank the library staff for all their hard work and providing our community with the many services our library offers.

JOYFULLEARS

The Joyfullears Women's Ministry of Church of Amargosa would like to thank all of you for supporting our Rummage/Bake Sale on Oct. 16th You were wonderful. God Bless You!

Our next Regular activity meeting will be Nov 2nd, we are always looking for new members.

Looking forward: Dec 7th will be our annual Christmas Party with a wrapped gift (\$10 or under) exchange, games & good food.

(Business meeting canceled Dec 21st)

If you don't have a gift to bring just let us know and we will have one for you.

Our doors open 5:30 and events start at 6pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

We will be caroling and handing out goodie baskets to Widow's & Widower's on Dec 19th. We will meet for homemade soup before we go. We have teenagers as well as youngsters (with parents) and adults (both men and women) join us for these events.

You don't have to be a member to tag along or to come to any of our meetings. (The more the merrier) We are also accepting any donations of Holiday Treats, Christmas Wrapping paper and good medium size boxes. (call 702-575-2017 / 2014 or 372-1617 to make arrangements for donations or info.)

Hope you join us for some Good fun and help bless your neighbors.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	1-Nov Tuna noodle casserole Herb vegt. Medley Sliced tomatoes LSFF Italian dressing Cracked wheat bread Apple butter, Oatmeal date bar 56	2-Nov <u>Pork chops in creamy garlic sauce</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>Mandarin orange</u> <u>Salad bar</u>	3-Nov Chicken and dumplings Green peas Carrots & raisin salad WWLS Crackers Fruit cocktail 102	4-Nov Baked meat loaf Mashed potatoes Steamed spinach Let. & Tom. Salad 100%WW Bread Peach butter Chantilly fruit cup 3	5-Nov Lemon and herb fish Parsley buttered new potatoes Seasoned mixed veggies dinner rolls Apple sauce Salad bar	CLOSED
CLOSED	8-Nov <u>Fiesta beef enchiladas</u> <u>Zucchini delight</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apricots</u> <u>Bread pudding snacks</u>	9-Nov Herb baked chicken Baked potato FF sour cream & chives Herbed vegt. Medley 100%WW bread Peach butter] fresh apple 73	10-Nov Spinach lasagna Garlic bread Salad bar Apple sauce Peanut butter cookie	11-Nov CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	12-Nov Breakfast 9am to 10:30 Pancakes Scrambled eggs Bacan Banana orange juice and coffee 2% milk	CLOSED
CLOSED	15-Nov BBQ Chicken Potato wedges Broccoli Cole slaw Pears Chocolate chip cookie	16-Nov Cheese enchiladas Salsa and sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Brownie	17-Nov Thanksgiving din Turkey and stuffing Mashed potatoes, Gravy Cranberry sauce Green bean casserole Candied yams Warm apple cider pumpkin pie	18-Nov <u>Oven stew</u> <u>Biscuits</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apricots</u> <u>Rice krispie squares</u>	19-Nov Sweet-n-sour pork Brown rice pilaf Steamed cauliflower Layered salad 100%WW Bread LS Margarine Peaches	CLOSED
CLOSED	22-Nov Three bean chili Corn bread Salad bar Onions and Cheese Strawberry cup	23-Nov <u>Thai chicken stir fry with peanut sauce</u> <u>Cauliflower</u> <u>Whole wheat rolls</u> <u>Tomato and lettuce salad</u> <u>Bread pudding snack</u>	24-Nov Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomato vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Apple butter 101 Peach cup	25-Nov CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	26-Nov CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	CLOSED
CLOSED	29-Nov Chicken teriyaki Fried rice Layered salad Fresh orange 95	30-Nov Light bueno's burritos FF Sour cream, Salsa Seasoned zucchini Garden salad Mixed fruit				CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.		



Happy Thanksgiving

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