

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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CHANGE THE WORLD

By: Chief Lon Fuller-AVFD

If you could change the world, what would you do? End world hunger. End poverty. Cure cancer, etc. The responses are pretty consistent all over the planet but what actually happens? The question is answered, and then we go back to our daily affairs. Why? Perhaps it's because we feel too powerless or insignificant to actually accomplish such a huge task. We also get frustrated after trying so hard and not seeing results. Election years such as this are a good example. Candidates are always promising to change our world. We elect them, we wait, and nothing changes.

So how do we change this world of ours into a better place? The answer is all about perspective. The world is made of people. Change one person's life and you have changed the world in which they live. Yes, YOU have the power to change the world. If we can't yet cure cancer, we should at least learn from it. One microscopic cell begins to affect the cells around it, which affect the cells around them and so on until it changes the entire body. Each of us can affect the people we contact to make this a better world. Volunteering your time is one of many ways to do this.

The Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians of our community are changing the world every day. They are there helping those who are unable to help themselves. They come from all walks of life and possess various skills. They are people like you who simply want a better world to live in.

If you are interested in changing the world but thought you couldn't, think again. There are so many ways to help that don't require running into burning buildings and such. We can always use extra help taking care of the stations and equipment, or tourists getting lost and stuck at the sand dunes who just need a "nudge" in the right direction. YOU CAN make a difference and change the world for someone in need.

To find out more, contact Amargosa Volunteer Fire Dept. Monday-Thursday 7:00AM-5:30PM at 372-1111 or Amargosa Volunteer Ambulance Service at 372-5656 and leave a message. Your call will be returned by the next available volunteer. Thank you.

ADULTS ONLY MOVIES

No, before you get all excited, we are NOT talking x-rated movies. (I know, some of you just said "Phooey"!) We ARE talking movies with no children running around. The Friends of the Library have been providing movies for children of all ages. But if you don't like all of the activity at such an event, you may enjoy joining others in a similar age group for an evening of cinema. On Saturday, October 11, the Senior Project Council will be sponsoring a movie for persons 18 years of age and older at the Community Center. A donation of \$2.00 per person will be collected (such a deal!).

We will be showing Leatherheads, directed by and starring George Clooney, with Renee Zellweger and Jon Krasinski. This is a romantic comedy set in the early days of American Football, appreciated, I am told, by both men and women. The DVD will then be donated to the Library. Even if you aren't crazy about this selection, come and support the concept. Who knows, your suggestion for the next movie might be accepted.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm. The movie will start at 6:30. Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy bars and soda will be available for sale. If you don't like sitting in the Community Center chairs, bring a comfortable chair or blanket. NO ONE under the age of 18 will be admitted.

LIP-SYNC CONTEST

November 14, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M. in the community center. All proceeds go to benefit the middle schools Washington DC trip. The contest is open to grades 5th through 8th, parents and teachers. For more information please contact LuAnn or Angel Britton at the school 372-5324.

CLINIC IS NOT CLOSING

What you read in the newspaper is not always true. Sometimes, what you read in the newspaper may be accurate, but misleading. That is what happened with the notice in the Pahrump Valley Times about the closing of the Health Clinics in Amargosa Valley and Beatty.

The Clinics are staying open and providing the services that they have been providing. However, the State Health Nurse will not be providing services at those clinics or elsewhere within the two communities. In an effort to save money, the State Health Nurses will no longer make periodic visits to provide low-cost immunizations, screenings, and counseling. Those services are still available through the Clinic staff. And Amargosa Valley residents could go to Pahrump (250 N. Hwy. 160, suite 6) to receive those services on Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. QUILTY

Dr. Quilty has successfully completed the recertification examination for the American Board of Family Medicine. Way to go Doc!

FREE MEALS FOR SENIORS

Starting in October, Nevada Joe's will provide a free lunch or dinner of the month to seniors (anyone 55 or older) on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. The meal will be served from 12:00 noon to closing time (10:30 pm.). The meal the first weekend in October will be Chicken Enchilada Casserole with a small salad. For more information, call Nevada Joe's at 372-1555.

KIDS TO D.C.

A group of students from Amargosa Middle School are planning a trip to our nation's capitol, Washington D.C. April 13-17, 2009. We are raising money through various fundraisers, the largest one being October 18th at the school. We will be having a rummage sale, bake sale and car wash. Please come out and support our kids. As always any donations are appreciated and all checks should be made out to Amargosa School with the Washington D.C. trip noted.

NEW NEW NEW

By: Pat Minshall

Are you new to the valley, do you know someone that is? A new feature will be introducing newcomers to the town via the newsletter. If you'd like people to know a little about you, call Pat @ 5401 for an interview.

SENIOR CENTER "POOL TABLE"

Thanks to the generosity of two men in Las Vegas, the senior center now has its own pool table for all to enjoy. Come out and play then stay for one of Fred's fantastic meals. If anyone has some extra pool sticks to donate, or a bridge, they would be greatly appreciated.

NEW TO THE VALLEY

Teresa and Larry Cantwell have been moving here over the last year from Golden, Co. They wanted a warmer climate (they certainly got that). I met Teresa when she was out walking with a friend almost a year ago. She instantly was eager to join into what the town had to offer and to offer help where needed. Teresa is a great cook but also a cake maker/decorator extraordinaire. She=2 0loves gardening, reading, crocheting and currently works at "Nevada Joe's". Larry brings many talents to our town ,and is a master of many trades. In Co. he was a licensed contractor in heating, AC, steam, hot water and plumbing and also general contracting. He loves to invent, research and develop things and designed and built his own "power parachute (I want a ride). Like many of us he's not sure what he wants to be when he grows up but he's certainly having fun doing lots of various things. They both love antiques, collect coffee pots, butter churns and samovars to name a few. You'll see them at most town functions either donating their time and talents or just being involved. They aren't in the phone book yet and their number is 5246. Teresa and Larry, welcome to our town.

BEADS AND BEADING

Do you like to bead? Would you like to learn? Pahrump has a beading club that meets @ their "Senior Center" Monday's @ 12:30. There is usually someone teaching a new technique twice a month. If you're interested you can call Pat @ 5401 for more information and also carpool with me.

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

I usually like for this space to be informative and light-hearted, but sometimes that is difficult. This is such a time. I had to put one of my all-time favorite putty cats down last week. You all know how hard that is. And, since I have been thinking about writing a book about my cats, I decide to introduce one of them to you.

Ashley-the-Cat was a wonderful cat. He was the first cat I had as an adult. We had two Siamese kitties when I was young; one of them was officially mine. But I went many years without feline companionship. My career required extensive travel, and I didn't think it was fair to an animal to see it only on weekends, so I did without. In 1985, I finally was living and working in the same area: Northern Virginia/Washington, DC. I had put my house on the market, because I thought I was going to move out of the area, but I got a job in Washington, so I pulled the listing. In the course of the potential sale, my realtor and I had talked a lot. So when I pulled the listing, she said, "I know you love cats and I know one who needs a home. Would you be interested?" Her daughter had agreed to keep a cat for a friend for a few weeks and it was still there four months later. I told her I would be glad to discuss it with the cat.

I contacted the daughter and arranged for him to visit over a long weekend. I heard them coming, opened the door and saw her carrying the biggest cat, with the biggest eyes, that I had ever seen. He was a tabby Persian with big golden eyes. She handed him to me. I greeted him and asked if he wanted to look around. He did. Off he went through the first floor and then up the stairs to the second. The daughter was amazed. Apparently, he had spent the first three days in her house lying in the same corner.

After the daughter left, I went looking for Ashley-the-Cat. He was curled up in the guest bathroom sink (filling it) in front of an open window. I told him he looked very well in there and went about my business, stopping to pet him several times during the day.

At dinner time, I called and he came, and I knew, as did he, that we had been adopted. It took Ashley-the-Cat a while to get affectionate, but he was always interesting. About a week after he arrived, I was sitting in one of the living room chairs. I

glanced over at the chair on the other side of the lamp-table and there was Ashley-the-Cat, sitting just like a person (legs out in front of him, back against the chair arm/back), looking at me. All he needed was a brandy snifter and a cigar. He always joined the "other people" when they sat in the family or living rooms, usually sitting on a chair or sofa, just like we were.

At night, Ashley-the-Cat always slept on my bed. He started very early stepping up on my chest and letting me pet him as he "put me to bed". The he started stepping on my stomach, walking to my chest, and putting me to bed. Eventually, he walked up the length of my leg to my chest. At that point, he finally started purring. He liked playing with a Q-tip or wad of paper as much as he did an expensive toy. Ashley-the-Cat was very protective of me. When the doorbell rang or someone knocked, he always went to the door with me to make sure everything was OK. I learned to trust his judgment about people.

When I was hired for the Yucca Mountain Project, he rode across country to Las Vegas with me. As long as his litter box and I were along, Ashley-the-Cat was happy and a very good traveler. He welcomed siblings (he got three) with a small hiss and then accepted them. In Las Vegas, I had a large kitchen. He used to lie on the counter next to the stove, sniffing the cooking spaghetti sauce. I thought that he just want the sauce until one night when I was eating spaghetti and left the table to get something. I turned around and there was Ashley-the-Cat, standing on my chair, with his paws on the table, eating my spaghetti. He also liked spaghetti without sauce. One day, I had some draining in the kitchen sink and left the room. When I returned, I saw a very large tabby bottom sticking out of the sink. "What are you doing?" I asked. He turned around, spaghetti hanging from both sides of his mouth, and opened his eyes even further. I was laughing too hard to get seriously upset. I figured, if I could share my bed, I could share my spaghetti.

He loved me, and I loved him. I still miss him, though it has been thirteen years since I had to put him down.

Why, you might ask, was he called Ashley-the-Cat? Well, actually, his name was Ashley. But I talked about him a lot at the job I had just started when we adopted each other. One lady finally asked me, "And how old is your son?" After that, I thought I should probably make a distinction. Happy Halloween. Have a great month.

HALLELUIAH HARVEST FESTIVAL

By: Pastor Gary

For the last 10 years Amargosa Christian Fellowship has put on the Halleluiah Harvest Festival on October 31. The festival is our attempt to provide a safe and wholesome atmosphere for our young ones, also to provide an alternative to the traditional Halloween activities. All of our games and activities have a Christian Theme. Our objective is to share and keep the children as safe as possible. All games and activities are free to the children and we provide snacks and drinks for a small charge.

This event has grown from just a few children in the beginning to several hundred; this number does not include the adults (who seem to enjoy it as much as the kids). Please feel free to join us in an evening of fun and safety with your kids. Last year we handed out over 600 pounds of candy. Donations are always welcome as well as additional workers and helpers. If you would like to donate candy, money, baked goods (for the cake walk) or your time Please contact Pastor Gary 372-5602 or Brenda Dymond 372-5572, donations may also be dropped off at the town office with Shelly. It will be held on **Friday, October 31, 2008, at the Amargosa Valley Community Center** beginning at 6:00 P.M. and end at 8:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By: Pastor Gary

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and as we ALL know the economy and prices are not at their best. Many families in the valley are struggling to make ends meet and just keep food on the table. Throughout the years we at Amargosa Christian Fellowship along with donations from our blessed community have provided food baskets to those in need and toys for the children. Last Christmas the Ladies from the Senior Center spent hours helping wrap presents. it truly was a community effort. If you would like to HELP those who are not quite as fortunate as some you may give donations to Pastor Gary 372-5602 , Brenda Dymond 372-5572, or drop them off at the Town Office. All donations are accepted, Food, Money, Toys, even your labor.

May You All Have The Very Blessed Of Holidays.

SPAGHETTI COOK OFF OCTOBER 25, 2008

The Senior Project Council is sponsoring a Spaghetti Cook Off at the Community Center on Saturday, October 25 at 5:00. Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread will be provided to fill out the dinner. Dinner for the public will cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 11. If you like to bake or cook, bring a dessert to share.

We will award ribbons for the Judges' selections of the first, second and third best sauces. We will also give the People's Choice a certificate and twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Entrants should contact Tammy at the Senior Center (372-5413) or Shelly at the Town Office (372-5459) to register. All sauce makers **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** to participate. Sauce makers **MUST** set up between 4:00 and 4:30. Judging will take place at 4:30. Bring an extension cord with each pot.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

"LADIES TEA" SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2008

By: Sherry Donegan

It's not too late! Our Tea "From the Heart of a Woman" is this Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 1:30 P.M. in the Community Center/Gym.

There will be foo foo and goodies and fun for all, to go with our traditional tea.

You may come causal or dress up, whatever is in your heart! We hope you will join us. Any lady that wishes to join us is invited to this fun event (bring a friend).

The cost is \$15.00 per person. If you want to pay at the door, please call us so we know you are attending. If you can't afford it but want to join us, don't let that stop you, call Sherry 372-1617.

ELECTION

Nominations for the Town Advisory Board vacancies (three) will be held in October, the election will be held in November.

!!! HELP !!!

The Joyfulears, Church of Amargosa needs to borrow items for our Ladies Tea. We need the following:

Artificial green Christmas trees
Artificial greenery/plants
Room dividers/screens
Water fountains/water falls

We will pick them up this Thursday the 2nd or before 2:00 P.M. on the 3rd and return them to you no later than Sunday afternoon/evening. All items will be carefully labeled and returned in the same condition as received. Please call Sherry at (702) 575-2014 or 372-1617.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

THE LIBRARIAN'S BLURB

By Erin Booth

Salutations to one and all!

My blurb this month largely consists of some of the new materials we have acquired (or shall be forthcoming) for the library, thus far.

We have ordered some famous "horror classics" and "heart warmers" as well as a selection of comedy classics to go along with the Fall season, so come by and check them out (literally!). And, if you have any suggestions, we would love to know as we are always looking to add more to the collection.

Speaking specifically with regard to DVD returns, we have imposed a \$3.00 fee to cover the damaged but potentially repairable DVDs, and if we cannot repair them then that will jump to a **\$20.00** fee for replacing the damaged-beyond-repair item. We feel we need to do this as there are still quite a few coming back either slightly damaged or needing to be replaced. The fees will be placed on the account of the card holder for said DVDs so please bear in mind that it's never a good idea to "loan" what you check out of the library to someone else, since they may return the item in less than satisfactory condition.

As a gentle reminder, the new library hours are:
Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.: 8am till 4pm
Thursdays: 10am till 6pm
Saturdays: 8am till 12 Noon

Thank you, once again, to my fantastic staff – Osvaldo Granados and Pat Booth-Durgin. You know I could not do this without you!
Here's to a happy, healthy October for one and all!
If you haven't already, please come by and see our fall decorations!

"LADIES"

By: Abby

Was your Grandpa in World War II? Was your Dad in the Vietnam or Korean War? What about a brother or sister or children? If any of these relatives were in a war zone overseas you are eligible to join the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. We are having a membership luncheon at the V.F.W. on October 4th at 11:00 A.M., and you are invited! After lunch we are going to play miniature golf. Please bring your putter. No RSVP required.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

10-04-08 LADIES AUX. LUNCHEON 11 A.M.
10-04-08 LADIES TEA CC 1:30 P.M.
10-05-08 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 9 A.M.
10-07-08 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.
10-11-08 ADULT MOVIE NIGHT CC 6 P.M.
10-14-08 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.
10-14-08 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 7:00 P.M.
10-15-08 MEMORIAL SUPPORT CC 6 P.M.
10-16-08 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.
10-18-08 BUSINESSMENS FELLOWSHIP 9: AM
10-18-08 CAR WASH YARD SALE SCHOOL
10-21-08 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.
10-21-08 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.
10-30-08 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.
10-31-08 HALLELUIAH FESTIVAL CC 6 P.M.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

WISH-LIST


By: Tammy Been

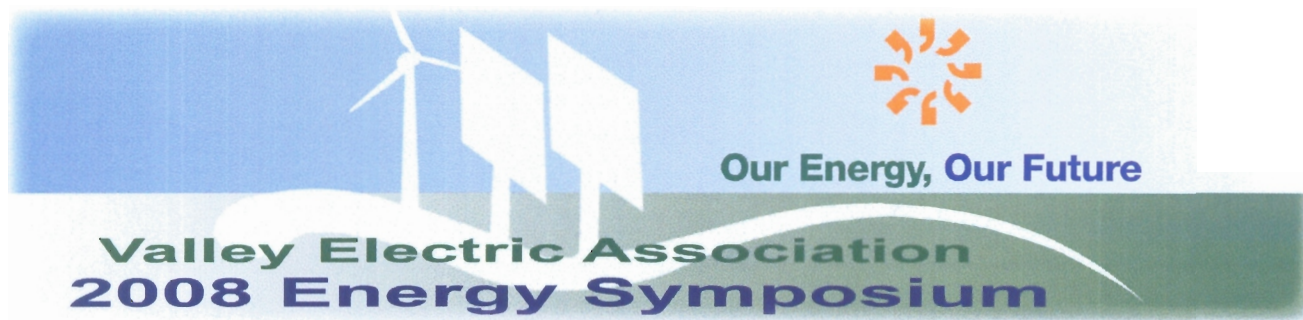
Senior Center: The wish list for the center is long and is available at the center or the town office. Generally speaking they are in need of utensils (stainless steel and nylon) baking pans, fry pans, dinner plates, plastic tumblers, and various other items to bake with. If the next issue of the newsletter has room the entire list along with the supplier will be printed, otherwise call 372-5413.

Happy Halloween

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: OCT. 08

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			OCT.1	OCT.2	OCT.3	
CLOSED		Spaghetti & meat sauce Baked acorn squash colorful salad, FF Italian dressing, 7 Grain bread LFLS Margarine Stawb. Ban. Yogurt pops -39	Sweet & sour vegetables Egg rolls Fried rice Salad bar Ginger spice roll	Zesty skillet pork chops Scalloped potatoes broccoli Peaches Salad bar	CLOSED	
		OCT.7	OCT.8	OCT.9	OCT.10	
CLOSED	BBQ Chicken Sour cream potato salad Steamed spinach, Corn on the cob, LF Margarine 7 Grain bread Apple butter Banana (1)	Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Salad bar Brownie	Baked ham & pineapple Sweet potatoes Green beans Salad bar	Oven stew Whole wheat biscuit Salad bar Apricots Rice krispie squares	Garlic & herb fish Mixed vegetables Rice WW Rolls Gazpacho soup Salad bar Ice cream	CLOSED
		OCT.14	OCT.15	OCT.16	OCT.17	
CLOSED	Zucchini casserole with red pepper aioli Salad bar Apricots Sugar cookies Door Prize Drawing at 4:30	Tahitian chicken Rice casserole Braised red cabbage 7 Grain bread Margarine Tangerine (28)	Hot turkey sand. Mashed potatoes Gravy Mixed vegt. Salad bar Birthday cake	Pork chow mein Steamed rice Broccoli 100% Wheat bread Jelly Fruit cocktail	Barley beef stroganoff WW Rolls Salad bar Mixed fruit Chocolate caramel smores	CLOSED
		OCT.21	OCT.22	OCT.23	OCT.24	
CLOSED	Pork roast with Dijon tarragon glaze Apple sauce Broccoli South western bean and corn salad, Lemon cream blueberry pie	Spinach lasagna Garlic bread Mixed fruit Salad bar Sugar cookie	Chicken & broccoli Alfredo Garlic bread Jell-o with fruit Salad bar	Shish kebab, Brown rice pilaf, Colorful salad FF Creamy italian drsg. 100% Wheat bread Apple butter Sliced strawberries (76)	Tuna noodle casserole Herb vegt. Medley Sliced tomatoes LSFF Italian dressing Cracked wheat bread Apple butter, Oatmeal date bar (56)	CLOSED
		OCT.28	OCT.29	OCT.30	OCT.31	
CLOSED	Three bean chili Corn bread Layered salad Salad bar Cup cake	Liver & onions Mashed potatoes gravy Peas & carrots Salad bar Peach cobbler	Curried chicken and vegetables with rice Pineapple chunks Brussels sprouts Salad bar	Egg plant parmesan Spinach spaghetti Garlic bread Fruit Carrot raisin salad	CLOSED 2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.	CLOSED



Valley Electric Association proudly presents the inaugural "Our Energy, Our Future" Energy Symposium. This event brings together experts in the fields of renewable energy, alternative energy, conservation and energy efficiency. Our goals are to provide you with an opportunity to gain the knowledge you need in an ever changing energy environment and to have your concerns and questions addressed by many national industry professionals and representatives from our federal government energy agencies.

Schedule of Events

Pahrump Nugget Event Center

Friday, October 3, 2008

Vendor Booths

2:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Vendor Booths/ Workshops

9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

(See Workshop Agenda Printed On Reverse)

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

"Our Energy, Our Future" Panel Discussion—Q & A

PANEL

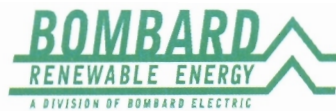
- Moderator: Thomas Husted, CEO
Valley Electric Association
- Senator Harry Reid's Office
- Michael Yackira, President & CEO
Sierra Pacific Resources/Nevada Power
- Dena Stoner, VP of National Rural
Electric Cooperative Association
Government Relations
- Donald Kimball, CEO
Arizona's G & T Cooperatives

Providing Stewardship for the Environment and our Members

VEA Energy Symposium Workshops

All workshops will be held in the Nugget Event Center, located opposite the vendor booths

9:15 AM	Launching of VEA's Green Energy Program <i>Valley Electric Association</i>
10:00 AM	Lighting Workshop – <i>Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED)</i>
10:45 AM	Windows Workshop– <i>Frontier Door & Window, LLC</i>
11:30 PM	Heating and Air Conditioning Workshop – <i>Bub's Wholesale Heating and Cooling Refrigeration Supply, Inc.</i>
12:15 PM	Renewable Energy Workshop – <i>Bombard Electric</i>
1:00 PM	Insulation Workshop – <i>Central Valley Insulation</i>
3:00 PM	Energy Experts Panel Discussion – <i>Moderator: Thomas Husted, CEO, Valley Electric Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Reid's Office • Dena Stoner, VP Government Relations, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association • Michael Yackira, CEO, Sierra Pacific/Nevada Power • Donald Kimball, CEO, Arizona's G & T Cooperatives



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 ·Central Valley Insulation·Big City Insulation·Nevada Foam·
 ·Bub's Wholesale Heating/ Cooling/Refrigeration Supply, Inc.·
 ·Frontier Door & Window, LLC·H&M Wholesale Pipe & Supply·
 ·Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED)·Speakman CSR·
 ·USDA Rural Development·
 ·Valley Electric Booth·Ambassador Booth·Ask A Member Booth·



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