

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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AMARGOSA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Amargosa Volunteer Fire Dept. is in need of your support in an on-going fight to protect you and the volunteer firefighters themselves. Some questions were raised at the September 23rd special BOCC meeting in Amargosa Valley regarding your fire department. We hope the following information will shed some light on just a few of the reasons for the frustration you may have witnessed at the meeting.

As you know the Amargosa VFD lost our main work horse of our fleet in March of this year due to a catastrophic mechanical failure while fighting a structure fire. What the community as a whole does not know is the on-going battle being waged to keep you as safe as we possibly can. Since then the Chief and our town board have attempted to get a replacement tender through Nye County Emergency Services unsuccessfully.

We have all been met with opposition and the usual political shuffle. Without our tender we are reliant on an old tender we were able to obtain from Smoky Valley with the help of Commissioner Eastley. Although destined for the bone yard, we have done the best that we can to restore it to a functioning tender, but on the second run with it after our main tender burned, it broke down. Thanks to Ponderosa Dairy, their mechanics and our Chief were able to get it fixed in a couple of hours. That was a 300 ton hay fire we were fighting, though that was a lot of money lost for the Dairy it wasn't someone's home. If it had been, there could have been loss of life.

We have decided it was time to let the people of our community know the struggles that your Town Board and your Fire Chief have been through to try and protect you and the lives of the volunteer firefighters. We would also like you to remember that Amargosa is at the highest tax rate in Nye County.

AMARGOSA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)

Under the direction of Brent Jones the Nye County Emergency Services Station 51 in Pahrump has continued to grow in size and budget. The organization was created in 1994 under Nye County Code Chapter 8.28. Among the duties and functions of the emergency management supervisor are: to develop arrangements for reciprocal aid for assistance in the case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted...promote and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens...including the development of a county emergency response plan and emergency management training education programs and exercises. Read full details at Nye County's web site at <http://www.co.nye.nv.us/> and click on the link "Nye County Code".

Since then it has built an extensive fully equipped fire department at 1510 East Siri Lane in Pahrump which is already protected by Pahrump Valley Fire Rescue. From Fiscal Year 2006 through FY08 the budget has grown from \$566,200 to \$1,034,093 while its support to the local fire depts. has decreased.

It is also attempting to exercise increasing control over local fire departments and their members. Among other things, it recently tried to create a County Fire Protection District without due process of the law.

In brief, a Fire Protection District is a political subdivision of the state and may sue and be sued, arbitrate claims, contract and be contracted with, organize, regulate, and disband volunteer fire depts., eliminate and remove fire hazards on private or public premises, levy taxes to fund itself, issue and sell bonds, etc.

It is formed by a vote of the citizens and governed by an elected board, not an appointed official. The Board of County Commissioners also has the power to create by ordinance a County Fire Protection Dist. in unincorporated areas and serve as the Board of Fire Commissioners.

AMARGOSA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)

You can read the full details of NRS 474 at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>, and click on Chapter 474.

Nye County Emergency Services has also demanded that our local run reports be turned over to them to bolster their run statistics. Some fire depts. in the county are doing as they are told, we are not. We began filing our own run reports with the State under our own NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) number as does Tonopah and Pahrump Valley Fire rescue. You can view the results of these reports on the State Fire Marshal's website at <http://fire.state.nv.us/Fire Data NFIRS.shtml>, choose a year and click on NFIRS Annual Report.

Keep in mind the runs for Nye County includes the total runs of all the departments that are turning over their reports to Nye Co Emergency Services. Also note how they change their name from 2007 to 2008 as we began exposing the Fire District issue.

A quick comparison shows Nye County Emergency Management at 72 total runs for 2008, with a FY08 budget of \$1,034,093, while Amargosa VFD comes in at 98 runs, with a FY08 budget of \$95,958.

In summary, AVFD is proud to serve our friends, family, and neighbors, however we feel that huge sums of taxpayer moneis are being wasted at the expense of the safety of our rural citizens.

P.S. As this was written, an article appeared in the Sept 25 issue of the Pahrump Valley Times which incorrectly states that the Board of County Commissioners approved \$25,000 in "matching funds" for the purchase of a replacement water tender for Amargosa Valley. What the BOCC actually approved was to allow the Town of Amargosa Valley to use \$15,000 of its capital outlay fund to go along with \$10,000 in private donations towards the purchase of a water tender.

Chief Lon Fuller

Please remember to write our kids who are in the service. Due to a lack of space in this newsletter we have put all of their addresses on the website maintained by Joe DeLee; [www. avnv.biz](http://www.avnv.biz). If you have an address for someone who is serving please get it to Shelly at the Town Office and we will add it to the list we have.

TOWN BOARD ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again. The terms of Jan Cameron and Aaron Lynn expire at the end of December. NOMINATIONS for those two positions will be held at the regular meetings on September 24 and October 29. The ELECTION will be held on November 19, with the individuals elected starting their terms January 1, 2010.

NOMINATIONS for the special election will also be held at the September 24 meeting. The SPECIAL ELECTION will also be held on October 29.

Individuals must be present to accept nomination. Alternately, you may have sent a signed letter or an email sent from your personal account to the Town Office (town@amargosavalley.com) in which you accept being nominated. Failure to do one of those things will result in your nomination not being accepted.

In order to serve on the Town Advisory Board or to vote in the special or regular election, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) Be a US Citizen;
- 2) Be at least 18 years of age;
- 3) Not have a felony conviction on your record; and
- 4) Have resided in Amargosa Valley for at least 30 days prior to your nomination or the election.
- 5) Be registered to vote with the County or the Town.

If you are already registered to vote in general elections at this precinct with the County, you do not need to do anything except show up to vote. If you are not registered to vote in general elections, but have previously registered with the Town Office and still meet the criteria, you do not need to do anything except show up to vote.

If you meet the criteria, but have not yet registered in either of those ways, you must register with the County or the Town 30 days prior to your nomination, if you want to run for office, or the election, if you plan to vote.

Serving on the Town Advisory Board requires a lot more than just sitting in a chair at the table once a month. Please be sure that you will have the time and energy to serve if you choose to run.

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

Is it really October already?! How time flies when you're having fun. I have been thinking lately of how Amargosa Valley has changed since I got here twelve years plus ago. First we have more people. Not all of them are very visible. Part of them hermits for which the Valley is known. Part of them are just invisible, living, working, eating, sleeping, without any interest in or concern for the Valley.

The dairy has been built, grown, and shrunk, offering limited employment to local residents, bringing many of the invisible to town, and bring some very special people to town.

Some new business have arrived (Ruby's), some institutions have closed (the Country Store), and some have changed hands (the Stateline Saloon).

The school has sprouted trailers to house its increased population. Some of the dedicated teachers (Diane George) are still here; others are gone. New ones have come and gone: some good, some not so much.

More people are coming to public meetings: some old-times who have decided to get involved; some newcomers who have probably been involved wherever they have been or are just interested in what is happening.

We have a bank (YEA!).

We still have a wonderful Volunteer Fire Department and EMTs (though they need new blood to join).

The library is stretching its seams and the Library Directors are still making do.

There are a lot more community-sponsored events.

Regardless of the arguments and debates and soon, we still come together to help each other out, though many of the newcomers don't seem to participate as much as the old-timers do.

Regardless of the changes, the participation (or lack thereof), the debates, and the arguments, we have a wonderful community. And I feel privileged to live here and to be able to work with you.

Come support your volunteer fire department. Get involved. Happy Halloween!

HALLELUJAH HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 31, 2009 6:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

It is that time of year again Fall, the weather is finally starting to cool, and before you know it the kids will be looking forward to dressing up in their favorite costumes and heading to the Community Center. For over ten years the Amargosa Christian Fellowship has sponsored the Hallelujah Harvest Festival. For those new to the Amargosa Valley, The Hallelujah Harvest Festival is our way of providing a safe environment for our children in the Valley on OCTOBER 31st. Children will always want to go collect candy and have fun, so we want to keep them off of the streets and let them enjoy the safety of the community center, and provide them a nice Christian atmosphere. This is our way of providing an alternative to the traditional Halloween.

We provide numerous games and activities, (which are free to the children) there will also be refreshments---Hot dogs, Chili, Sodas, Nachos, etc..... at a small cost. We are seeking Volunteers to assist with the Games also donations to assist with the candy for the Kids. The last few years we have averaged around 300 lbs of candy, several hundred children (and almost as many adults).

If you would like to volunteer to assist or offer a donation contact Brenda Dymond 372-5572, Pastor Gary 373-5602, you may also drop off candy and donations with Shelly at the town office.

Come and enjoy the fun, activities, refreshments, and Candy, Candy, Candy. I Hope to see you all there. God Bless.

Pastor Gary



**AMARGOSA VALLEY
SENIOR CENTER**

**WE WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 26,27,28 AND THE
29 FOR REPAIRS, WE ARE ALSO CLOSED ON
OCTOBER 30TH FOR NEVADA DAY, AND BACK
OPEN NOVEMBER**

Happy Halloween, Wow can you believe it, it is already October, and as most of you already know October is the beginning of a new year for the Senior Center so please fill out your Client Registration form, for the new year.

We will be serving Breakfast October 10th from 8:00am to 9:00am we look forward to serving 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.

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.

Thank you all for a wonderful year and we look forward to having a even better year to come.

**COMING IN NOVEMBER
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Need extra money for Christmas, want to exchange your trash for treasures?

Saturday November 14th at the Community Center the Senior Center is hosting it's annual

Community Garage Sale. Reserve your table now for \$5 per table. Call Pat to reserve your spot @ 372-5401

BEAD MEETING & POT LUCK

On October 23 @ 11 AM. there will be a "Beading Hearts Club Meeting" @ Pat Minshall's house 1361 N. Saddleback. If you bead, would like to bead please join us. Bring your favorite "pot luck" item. We will eat and bead. "Beading Hearts" meets every Monday and Friday @ the Pahrump Senior Ctr. in Pahrump @ 12:30 PM. On Monday we usually have a class teaching various beading techniques, on Friday it's more informal to work on unfinished projects or get answers for some of your questions of "how to". If you want more information on the bead club you can call Pat Minshall @ 372-5401

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Several bags of "Readers Digest Condensed Books", can deliver. Pat 372-5401

New Britton Baby

7 lbs 7 oz Baby George Conrad Britton born Sunday 3:16am our time 5:16 am in New York! Yes I am a proud Grandma :)

Congratulations Justin & Kayla Britton

**YARD SALE
1323 SANDSTONE DR.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD
8:30 A.M.**

The Powerful Fountain of Mercy Apostolic Church of Amargosa would like to announce the departure of our beloved Pastor, builder and founder Benjamin Bracamontes. Pastor Benjamin was asked by the leaders of the Apostolic Assembly to pastor a church in Midland Texas. After much prayer, he felt the leading of the Lord to accept the position. We, the members of the church although very sad to see him go are pleased and blessed to announce that we now have a new pastor, Salvador Bracamontes, Pastor Benjamin's father. As pastor, he will continue on with the work the Lord has started in our valley. We welcome Pastor Salvador and look forward to serving him for many years to come. Also, we would like to invite you all to join us for our bilingual services, Sundays at 1 P.M. Praying blessing on Amargosa Valley.



Dinner & Dance

Friday, October 2, 2009



At the Amargosa Community Center

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - Pork Carnitas, Beans, Rice \$6.00 per plate

Pie Auction - Raffle - Piñatas - Games 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dance 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Family \$15.00 - Single \$10.00



*** DJ - El Huarachazo ***



Sponsored by Christ of the Desert Catholic Church

Cena Y Baile

Viernes, 2 de Octubre del 2009

En el Gimnasio de Amargosa



Cena 5:00 p.m. - Carnitas, Frijoles, Arroz \$6.00 El Plato

Subasta de Pasteles – Rifa –Piñatas –Juegos 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Baile 8:00 p.m. a 12:00 p.m. Familia \$15.00 – Individual \$10.00

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Patrocinado por la Iglesia Cristo del Desierto

You're Invited to the Joyfulears
4th annual
Ladies Tea

It's not too late! Please call and let us know you are coming. We need to make sure we have your name tag and a place setting for you.

Don't miss this elegant event.



Ladies are coming from Beatty, Pahrump, Indian Springs & Vegas.

Song of Solomon 2:1 & 2

"Simply Jesus"

When: Saturday October 10th, 2009

Where: Amargosa Valley Community Center (Gym)

Time: Doors open 1:00pm, starts 2:00pm

Cost: \$15.00

Invite a Friend!

For info: Debbie Quintana 775-537-7842 Sherry Donegan 775-372-1617

Please return the information card with payment as soon as poss. To:
Joyfulears, Hc 69, Box 495-R, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Phone _____



"Ladies Night Out"

The Joyfulears will be hosting a Movie & Popcorn night Tuesday October 20th. Doors open at 5:30 we will start the movie a little after 6:00.

We meet in the dining room of Church of Amargosa on Amargosa Farm rd. (3/4 mi. past Valley View)

Best of all its FREE!!! Hope you join us.

For more information call Debbie 775-537-7842, or 372-1617.



Looking Forward to

Black Friday !!!

"Babysitting"

The Joyfulears will be babysitting in the Gym for all you "Black Friday" & Christmas Shoppers. Or come for fun. "For Donations"

We will start as early as you do. We will babysitt for 2 dates, Nov. 27th, Black Friday (The day after Thanksgiving) & Saturday

December 12th.

We will accept drop-in's, but if you want to be there for those "Door Opening Sales" You will need to call so we know what time you need us to start.

Call 702-575-2017 or 372-1617 to make arrangements. Look for more information in the Nov. News letter.



MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

MONTH OF: Oct-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	5-Oct Apple baked pork chops Baked potato Sour cream and chives Peas and carrots Peach cup	6-Oct Vegetable stir fry Egg roll Steamed rice Salad bar Pineapple upside-down cake	7-Oct Baked meat loaf Mashed potatoes Steamed spinach Let. & tom. Salad 100%WW Bread Peach butter 3 Chantilly fruit cup	8-Oct Baked pineapple ham Green beans Sweet potatoes Layered salad Baked apples	9-Oct Tuna patties Rice pilaf Broccoli Mixed fruit Salad bar	10-Oct CLOSED BREAKFAST French toast Bacon Grapefruit Banana orange juice served 8am to 9am
CLOSED	12-Oct Seasoned salmon Rice pilaf Green beans Gazpacho soup WW Rolls Strawberries and Ice cream	13-Oct Saucy tomato pork <u>skillet</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Pears</u> Bread pudding snacks	14-Oct Turkey pot pie Mixed green salad FF Creamy Italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apple 83	15-Oct Lasagna Chopped spinach LFLS Italian dressing Garlic bread Fresh orange 46	16-Oct Baked chicken Mashed potatoes Gravy Peas and carrots Salad bar Brownie	CLOSED
CLOSED	19-Oct Dixieland shortcake 98 Black eye peas Garden salad FF Creamy Ital. Drsg. Banana	20-Oct Hot open face turkey sandwich Gravy Mashed potatoes Brussel sprouts Chocolate chip cookie	21-Oct Cheese enchiladas Salsa and sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Salad bar Birthday cake	22-Oct Lemon and herb chicken Zucchini <u>Scalloped potatoes</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Apple sauce</u>	23-Oct Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomato vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread, Apple butter Sliced peaches 101	CLOSED
CLOSED	26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	CLOSED
CLOSED	"Closed for Repairs"	"Closed for Repairs"	"Closed for Repairs"	"Closed for Repairs"	CLOSED NEVADA DAY	CLOSED
			2% MILK SERVED	MEALS SERVED FROM		

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Permit #8
Amargosa Valley, NV

**ECRWSS
LOCAL PATRON**

***PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE SLOWLY
NEAR THE BUS STOPS, PARK AREA, AND
THE SCHOOL.***

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

