

# Amargosa Valley Newsletter

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

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## **"OUT WITH THE OLD & IN WITH THE NEW"**

**OR**

### **"WATCH OUT BOYS THE GIRLS ARE CATCHING UP"**

At the November meeting, Tona Renegar and Jade Robinson were elected to serve on the Town Advisory Board starting January 1, 2009. At a special runoff election meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Joe DeLee was elected. Joe received 37 votes; Gene Butler received 25. We want to thank all of those who ran for office, assisted with the election and voted.

The Town Advisory Board usually meets the last Thursday of each month. Please join us and find out what is happening within your community.

### **VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

By: Staci Behnke

Please find the news release regarding the rate adjustment. Good news, the board of directors deferred the rate adjustment until mid year 2009 and will continue to review the information on a month by month basis.

The board has also decided that it is not in the best financial interest of the Association to approve a capital credit retirement in the year 2008. It was also approved that a rate refund will not be given for 2008 as well. A news release is on the way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you. *Staci Behnke*

*Community and Governmental Relations Manager*

### **AMARGOSA DAYS COMMITTEE**

We need a few good volunteers to join together and form a committee for Amargosa Days. This event could be much bigger and better if enough time could be put into advertising, coordinating and just all around setting up. If you would like to be on this committee please contact Shelly at the Town Office 372-5459 so that we can begin working on this event.

## **MANY THANKS FROM THE PINON FAMILY**

We would like to thank God for being there during those difficult moments. when our home burned to the ground on December 23, 2008, at 12:30 in the morning. In allowing all the occupants to escaped without injuries. I cannot find the words to THANK the Amargosa Community for the tremendous support given to our family. You were there when we needed you! Our love reaches out to all of you. Thank you, thank you. GOD BLESS YOU!!

Queremos dar las gracias a Dios per estar con nosotros en estos momentos dificiles. Cuando nuestra casa se quemo sin quedar nada en Diciembre 23, alas 12:30 am. Y permitirnos salir hilesos de ese incendio.

No encuentra palabras con que agradecerles a toda la comunidad de Amargosa por su gran ayuda que dieron a nuestra familia

Ustedes nos apoyaron cuando mas los necesitamos. nuestro agradecimiento y amor para ustedes. Que Dios les Bendiga y les pague.

*Milo, Monse and Lorenzo Pinon*

### **ITEMS THE PINON FAMILY ARE IN NEED OF:**

TV Stand  
Curtains - for large picture window  
98" wide x 7' high.  
Lamps (floor and table sizes)  
Propane Stove  
Sheets - King and Queen  
Bed Spreads  
Pillow slips  
Pots & Pans  
Drinking glasses

If anyone has any of the items listed above please contact Shelly at the Town Office 372-5459.

## **WINTER SAFETY TIPS**

By: Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department

According to the calendar it is now officially winter, even though it has been cold in Amargosa Valley for several weeks. Opening window drapes and blinds during the daytime will help warm your house.

Did you know that the winter months are the peak time for home fire deaths? Be sure your smoke detectors are working and practice a home escape plan with your family. Alternative heat sources, fireplaces, wood stoves and candles are leading causes of house fires.

### **Alternative heat sources**

Never use an oven, range or heat lamp (including high intensity lights) as an alternative heat source.

Never use kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors, they can produce deadly fumes.

If you use a propane heater the room must have proper ventilation and installation of a carbon monoxide detector near the heater is recommended.

Electrical space heaters should be UL approved and have a switch that shuts the unit off if it gets "tipped over". Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water. These units should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, do not use an extension cord.

Never place any type of space heater on carpet or a rug. Keep combustible materials at least 3 feet away from space heaters; know the manufacturer's safety recommendations for your unit.

Use proper shielding to prevent burns. Always watch young children and pets to keep them away from space heaters.

### **Fireplaces and wood stoves**

Be sure your fireplace or stove was properly installed and the chimney should be inspected annually. There should be a "spark arrestor" on top of the flue pipe, this will stop sparks and keep out nesting birds or animals during the summer.

Wood stoves should be UL listed and have proper floor support. Maintain adequate clearance from combustible materials – at least 3 feet.

Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate the fire. Charcoal should never be used as a substitute for wood.

Keep a metal or glass screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from escaping.

## **WINTER SAFETY TIPS**

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Before you go to sleep, be sure the fireplace fire is out. Never close the damper with hot ashes in the fireplace, this could help rekindle the fire and force smoke and carbon monoxide into the house.

Always place hot ashes in a metal container which is outdoors and away from the house. There is a separate location at the dump site for ashes; do not put them into the transfer bins with the garbage.

### **Candles**

Use candle holders that will not tip over easily and are large enough to collect the wax drippings. Place the candles on a sturdy uncluttered surface, away from combustible material and is high enough that they will not be knocked over by children or pets.

Store candles, matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight.

Keep the candle wick trimmed to one-quarter inch.

Extinguish candles before going to sleep or when leaving the room. Never leave a child unattended in a room with a lit candle.

### **Frozen water pipes?**

Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame. Use hot water or UL labeled device such as a hair dryer. If the sink is on an outside wall, opening the cabinet doors may help keep the pipes warmer.

Consider leaving one faucet dripping, slowly, and filling some bottles (drinking and cooking) and the bathtub (washing and toilet flushing) so you will have water if the pipes do freeze.

### **On the road**

We normally take good care of our vehicles, so they do not breakdown. But, you might want to consider putting blankets or old coats and spare flashlight batteries in your vehicle – they do not take much room and with fewer drivers on the road it could be a longer time before help to arrive.

Watch for ice on the roadways, especially in shaded areas.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



## ***CLINIC IS NOT CLOSING***

By: Jan Cameron

There has been a lot of concern about our local clinic's status. The Clinics are staying open and providing the services that they have been providing. The county and Nevada Health Services are in the process of negotiating a new contract for Beatty and Amargosa Valley. The old contract ended last June and has been extended twice in three-month increments.

The County had a lot of problems with the company currently providing services. We have been fortunate. Doc Quilty lives and works here. The doctor in Beatty left over 18 months ago. NHS had committed to provide a doctor in both towns forty hours a week, and the County was subsidizing NHS to do that. For almost the entire last year of the contract, a doctor was not in Beatty. Plus the contracted hours were changed. Both happened without any notice to the County, as required by contract.

The County went out for bid. Due to the Federal grant that NHS receives to services rural areas in Nevada, its proposed price was the lower of the two received, but it was double the cost for the previous years, with no change in services. The Board of County Commissioners rejected both bids. Fortunately, NHS has a new CEO. He and the Assistant County Manager met with representatives from both Town Advisory Board and have been working to define terms for a new contact that will meet the two communities' needs at a reasonable price. The intent is to keep both clinics open. We will keep you posted as the negotiations develop.

## ***FREE RADON TEST KITS AVAILABLE***

Radon is a cancer causing radioactive gas that is the number 1 cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and the Nevada State Health Division have teamed up to urge that all Nevadans test their homes for the presence of radon. To help achieve this goal, UNCE and NSHD are offering free test kits. These kits will only be available for a limited time. For more information contact Susan Roberts, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Radon Education Program Director, at 775-856-8406.

## ***MANY, MANY THANKS TO CURTIS STENDEL***

We wish to extend our thanks to Curtis Stengel for having served on the Town Advisory Board for the last four years. You have not only served on that Board, but have served on the Planning Board, the Area Plan Committee, the Memorial Support Committee, and various special task committees. You have also repeatedly fixed things, built things, and done things that needed to be done. We are all very grateful.

## ***IT IS THE SOLDIER***

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us the freedom of speech.  
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
It is the soldier, not the lawyer,  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the soldier,  
Who salutes the flag,  
Who serves under the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped in the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.  
May God Bless each AMERICAN SOLDIER that  
has died serving this GREAT COUNTRY we live  
in, AMEN.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENT***

By: Pam Hall

The Amargosa Senior Center will present a free educational seminar program called *You Don't Need Another Stroke or a Future Heart Attack* to educate stroke survivors, family members, and caregivers about how to help protect against a future stroke or heart attack. The seminar will be presented on Thursday, January 22, 2009 beginning at 4:00 P.M.

The seminar provides stroke survivors with information to help them more effectively participate in their own recovery. Educational materials will be distributed to all attendees. (See flyer in back of newsletter).

*Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Jessica Kadrmas  
January 7<sup>th</sup>*

## ***FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD***

By: Jan Cameron

I don't allow myself to rant two months in a row. Fortunately, I don't have anything to rant about this month. And it seems like a good time to deal with odds and ends. If you didn't come to the Christmas in the Nighttime Sky this year, you really missed some fun. We held most of the event inside with the Christmas Bazaar, but had a bonfire and fireworks outside. Thanks to the Fire Department for donating money for the fireworks and time to make sure the bonfire was set up and kept safe. And wouldn't you know it: the weather was nicer since we moved inside!

It was wonderful to see so many folks show up for one or both of the two Town Advisory Board elections. We now know how to resolve a tie and look forward to a new year of challenges. We will miss Curt Stengel who has been a wonderful, very active member.

My winter garden has done very well. I finally cut the remaining green tomatoes (a heaping wheelbarrow-full) and brought them in the house to finish ripening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. That is the latest I have ever had tomatoes safely ripening on the vine. My corn didn't do well as a winter crop; it grew, but didn't populate the ears, even with pollinating. The root vegetables and cabbage family are doing really well. And the green beans I planted in August are still producing, despite the gophers which moved in this August. (I'm installing mole/gopher deterrent gizmos tomorrow!)

My house looks very much like Christmas – inside and out. I love, love, love decorating for Christmas. Of course, walking through the house is a bit of a problem; not because one might step on something, but because there is a tendency to look around rather than watch where one is walking. The lights you see off to the side near the Post Office are ours. We took down most of our athels and replaced them with small pines, oleanders and yellow birds-of-paradise, so the lights really show up from the highway this year.

I still miss my little Serana terribly, as I do previously-departed Ashley, Jasper and Chelsea. But my current furry kids are wonderful. We are trying to adopt a new Roxy (dog), a young lab mix that had a good home, but was lonely when her Dad travelled and went wandering herself.

## ***FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD***

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Mr. Misty has displayed a new talent. He didn't show up for morning treats one day, which concerned me since he hadn't been feeling well. I called and called and even looked in his house. No cat. Then I looked up. Robert had left the extension ladder leaning against the back-porch roof. And there was Mr. Misty: on the roof. While I was contemplating how scratched I was going to be, assuming I climbed the ladder to reach him (I don't do heights!) and was able to catch him on the roof (he prefers to do things himself!), he started moving. As though he did it every day, he placed his front paws down on the top rung and then brought his hind paws down to the same one. Rung by rung he descended until he was three-fourths of the way down, and then, he jumped, landing softly on the dirt below. (Note to self: check for ladders before putting the kids to bed for the night!)

2009 will provide challenges and opportunities, good news and bad, happiness and sadness and lots of possibility for growth. May you love, laugh and learn and have a great 2009.

## ***A DOGS POINT OF VIEW***

By: Helga Gross-Rondini

My name is GOODY, I am 1 year and 3 months old and I did a bad thing running out of Helgaland. I know it's the law to stay inside the property fence but it was Liesel my best friend whom we got from the animal shelter, she is loving but nuts and when she runs I run. I do not listen to my Angel I love so much.

I am very afraid of people and every little thing in life so I bark badly and all are afraid of me. My face is ugly like a Sharpee' but my body is elegant. My mother is wise I am not, my big brother Sepi tries to teach me but with no luck.

If you see me out running please call Helagland at 372-5654 and not the shelter, I will learn I promise. I wish you all a very good "2009"

***WINTER BREAK IS OVER WHICH MEANS THE KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE CAREFUL AND SLOW DOWN FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE AND BUS STOPS.***

## **AMARGOSA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER**

By: Tammy Been

***Wishing you a very Happy New Year!!!!!!***

Now that the Holidays have past, it's time to treat yourself to a great dinner and wonderful company at the senior center and best of all there are no dishes to do. If you need a ride, car-pooling is available. Call one of the following people in your area to arrange for a day to join us.

5614 Aj Griffin----VFW or Stateline

1343 Jean Adams---- Cottonwood

5465 Kenna Vallance----Farm Road

5713 Katie Hansen---- VFW or Stateline

5138 Prudy Stengel---- Diablo and Farm Road

Seniors 60+ is a suggested donation of \$2.00, the fee for ages 13 to 59 is \$5.00, and the fee for 12 and under is \$3.00. We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Also come and enjoy: Arts & Crafts every Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. and Friday night pool (must be 18 or older to play). Open pool starts @ 5:30 P.M.

### ***POETRY READING***

By: Jane McCabe

Thanks to those who attended our first poetry reading at Helgaland on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a festive event with some good poems read or recited from memory and some moving stories of personal miracles told. We know that some would have liked to attend but had other events on that day, so we plan to hold another poetry fest when it warms up in the springtime and we can enjoy sitting outdoors. Maybe people will have fewer other commitments then.

Merry Christmas from Helga Gross-Rondini and Jane McCabe.

### ***ARTS AND CRAFTS***

Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. it's Arts and Crafts at the Senior Center. You need not be a senior to join this group. Come and work on your own project or learn a new one from others there. There is painting, beading, knitting, crocheting, card making etc. Meet other people and have fun.

## ***"UGLY CHRISTMAS GIFT PARTY"***

Did Santa put a piece of coal in your stocking or one of those dreaded ties? Wrap up that "ugly" gift and bring on January 14th to the "Senior Center's Annual Ugly Christmas Gift Exchange". It's a lot of fun and you just might get a "treasure" out of it. Join us for one of Fred's great dinners served from 4:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M., then stay for the fun. Non seniors welcome just bring your "ugly gift".

## ***COMMUNITY MEETINGS***

- 01-01-09 ***HAPPY NEW YEAR***  
01-04-09 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 6 P.M.  
01-06-09 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M.  
01-09-09 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT CC 6 P.M.  
01-10-09 OVER 18 MOVIE NIGHT CC 6 P.M.  
01-13-09 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M.  
01-13-09 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 7:00 P.M.  
01-14-09 BASKETBALL GAME CC 3:30 P.M.  
01-15-09 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M.  
01-17-09 BASKETBALL GAME CC 10 A.M.  
01-20-09 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M.  
01-20-09 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M.  
01-22-09 STROKE SEMINAR SR. CNTR. 4 P.M.  
01-24 & 25-09 D.V. RACEWAY RACES  
01-29-09 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.  
01-31-09 BUSINESSMEN FELLOWSHIP CC

### ***MAKE A DIFFERENCE BE A VOLUNTEER!!!***

***Amargosa Volunteer Fire Dept. 372-1111  
Amargosa E.M.T.'s 372-5656***

***"Be the Change You Would Like to See  
In The World"***

### ***DEATH VALLEY RACEWAY JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2009***

#### ***RACE DATES***

***01/24 & 25/2009***

***02/14 & 15/2009***

***02/21/2009***

For more information regarding the racetrack please visit: [www.deathvalleyraceway.homestead.com](http://www.deathvalleyraceway.homestead.com)

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Come join us **Friday night, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 6 PM,  
movie starts at 6:30 PM,  
Amargosa Valley Community Center

**Admission: \$1.00 donation**



*Pizza, chili, hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, candy  
and soda for sale. Come join the fun!*



FLY ME TO THE MOON

**Rating: G, Studio:** Summit Entertainment, **Run Time:** 85 minutes

***Sponsored by the Amargosa Valley Friends of the Library***

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## **Adult's MOVIE NIGHT**

Come join us **Saturday night, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 6 PM,  
movie starts at 6:30 PM,  
Amargosa Valley Community Center

**Admission: \$2.00 donation**



*Hotdogs, Chili, nachos, popcorn,  
and soda for sale. Come join the fun!*




MAMMA MIA

**Rating: PG 13, Studio:** Universal, **Run Time:** 108 minutes

***Sponsored by the Desert Seniors***

# MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

**MONTH OF: JAN. 09**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED				JAN. 1 HAPPY NEWS YEARS CLOSED	JAN. 2 CLOSED	CLOSED
CLOSED	JAN. 5 Roast beef Baby red potatoes Spinach Salad bar Mandarin oranges	JAN. 6 Vegetarian spaghetti Garlic bread Salad bar Peach crisp and Ice cream	JAN. 7 <u>New England fisherman's skillet</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Dinner roll</u> <u>Tomato and lettuce salad</u>	JAN. 8 BBQ Pork ribs Scalloped potatoes Mustard greens Whole wheat bread Apples (105)	JAN. 9 Tahitian chicken Rice casserole Braised red cabbage 7 Grain bread Margarine Tangerine (28)	CLOSED
CLOSED	JAN.12 <u>Light creamed turkey &amp; Baked potato</u> <u>Brussels sprouts</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Banana snack cake</u> Door prize drawing at 4:30 pm	JAN. 13 Chicken noodle soup French bread pizza Broccoli salad Rainbow sherbert Oatmeal date bar Pink lemonade (121)	JAN. 14 Baked liver and onions Mexicorn Tomatoes vinaigrette Mashed potatoes Whole wheat bread Apple butter Birthday Cake	JAN.15 Shake-n-bake chicken Baby carrots Oven fries Salad bar Peaches	JAN. 16 Lemon herb fish Rice pilaf Mixed vegetables Whole wheat roll Salad bar Brownie	CLOSED
CLOSED	JAN. 19 Three bean chili Cheese and onions Corn bread Layered salad Apple crisp	JAN. 20 Baked stuffed pork chops Steamed spinach Baked beans Oat bran roll Apple butter Pineapple chunks (81)	JAN.21` <u>Thai chicken stir-fry with peanut sauce</u> <u>Cauliflower</u> <u>Whole wheat roll</u> <u>Tomato &amp; lettuce salad</u> <u>Bread pudding snacks</u>	JAN. 22 Meat loaf Mixed vegetables Mashed potatoes Gravy Salad bar Pears	JAN. 23 Spinach lasagna Garlic bread Mixed fruit Salad bar Sugar cookie	CLOSED MEALS SERVED. FROM 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.
CLOSED	JAN. 26 Creamed ham over biscuits Spinach Apricots Salad bar	JAN. 27 Clam chowder Oriental shrimp salad Apricot bran muffin Peach butter Banana (74)	JAN. 28 Cheese enchiladas Salsa & sour cream Refried beans Vegetable soup Brownie	JAN. 29 Chicken ala king served over rice Peas & carrots Salad bar Chocolate chip cookie	JAN. 30 <u>Italian style</u> <u>Shepherd's pie</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>WW Roll</u> <u>Salad bar</u>	CLOSED 2% MILK SERVED. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE