

# AMARGOSA VALLEY NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2018

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
1	Fire Dept	6 pm	Fire Hall
6	American Legion	7 pm	VFW
8	Ambulance Meeting	6 pm	Ambulance Hall
11	Veterans Day Ceremony	11 am	AV Desert Memorial Cemetery
12	Planning Committee	6 pm	Community Center
13	Library Board	11 am	Library
13	Radio Club	6 pm	Communications Center
14	Tourism & Economic	6 pm	Community Center
15	Town Board Meeting	7 pm	Community Center
16	VFW	7pm	VFW

### Notice:

**Bill Kirker** passed away on August 15, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. His ashes will be interred at the Amargosa Desert Cemetery on Saturday, November 24th at 2:00 pm. He and his family were residents of Amargosa Valley from 1970 to 1983 and he was the second fire chief of the Amargosa Fire Department. He loved all of his family, neighbors, and friends. All are welcome to meet us at the cemetery on November 24th at 2:00 pm a potluck will follow at the community center.

### OPEN BURN POLICY AMARGOSA VALLEY

The Amargosa Fire Department allows residents to conduct open burning of vegetation and weeds on their property from Nov 1 thru May 31. The burn period operates from sunrise to sunset. To get approval, contact Nye County Dispatch @ 775-372-5345 (press 5 for non-emergency). The AFD may send a member to your location to observe if deemed necessary.

Only burn on a calm day.  
Have a 20-foot open radius around the burn site  
Have a hose ready in case the fire spreads

**ANY UNAPPROVED OPEN BURN THAT REQUIRES ASSISTANCE FROM THE AFD MAY RESULT IN THE RESIDENT BEING HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE.**



**A REMINDER OF FLAG PROTOCOLS. Time and occasions for display of the U.S. Flag.**

- (a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- (b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- (d) The flag should be displayed on **all days**, especially on **New Year's Day**, January 1; **Inauguration Day**, January 20; **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday**, the third Monday in January; **Lincoln's Birthday**, February 12; **Washington's Birthday**, third Monday in February; **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, March 29, **Easter Sunday** (variable); **Mother's Day**, second Sunday in May; **Armed Forces Day**, third Saturday in May; **Memorial Day (half-staff until noon)**, the last Monday in May; **Flag Day**, June 14; **Father's Day**, third Sunday in June; **Independence Day**, July 4; **National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**, July 27; **Labor Day**, first Monday in September; **Constitution Day**, September 17; **Columbus Day**, second Monday in October; **Navy Day**, October 27; **Veterans Day**, November 11; **Thanksgiving Day**, fourth Thursday in November; **Christmas Day**, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

**Community Meeting, Nov. 8 at 6 pm**

Volunteers are needed for the Ambulance and Fire Department. On Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the ambulance hall, a meeting will be held for anyone interested in being a volunteer. We will cover what training is required and answer any questions you have. For our past EMTs, I understand you have questions about past issues. Your experience is valuable, and we need you to help with the ambulance service. I will address all your concerns and how that will not occur again. The meeting will be held at 6 pm at the ambulance hall. The success of the Fire Department and Ambulance service depends on volunteers. Join and help protect the valley.

Rich Flanagan  
Fire Chief

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**The American Legion and the VFW will be holding a joint ceremony at the AV VFW on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** Everyone is invited to attend. New permanent flag holders will be on each Veteran's grave. Colors of the flag holders identify the deceased veteran's branch of service. By Memorial Day, 2019 permanent flag holders will be installed on all graves and maintained as long as we have members of the American Legion in the Valley. Donations to defray costs will be accepted at Martell's Market. Look for the donation can.

All Valley Veterans are invited to join the American Legion. If you are a Veteran, you qualify. We need members to keep this program going. The American Legion meets the First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Room of the VFW on Hwy 373 and White Sands. There is no alcohol allowed in the meeting room.

**HELP WANTED:** VFW Post Canteen in Amargosa is looking for a bartender to work 3 or 4 days a week from 4 pm until 8 pm or 9 pm, depending on how many customers come in. The pay scale will be strictly for TIPS. If interested, stop in at the canteen and speak with the bartender on duty any time after 4 pm or call Larry at 372-5613.



## Devils Hole Pupfish Population Reaches High

AMARGOSA VALLEY, NV – Wildlife biologists have good news to report about one of the world's rarest fishes. Scientists counted 187 Devils Hole pupfish, which is the most they've observed in fifteen years.

"We are not out of the woods, but this is a good step in the continued recovery efforts for this fish," stated Kevin Wilson, Aquatic Ecologist for Death Valley National Park.

For decades, scientists counted about 200 Devils Hole pupfish in the spring and about 450 in the fall. Pupfish numbers have been precariously low in recent years, dropping to 38 pupfish in 2006-2007 and 35 pupfish in 2013.

The only natural habitat of Devils Hole pupfish (*Cyprinodon diabolis*) is the upper 80 feet of a deep water-filled cavern and sun-lit shallow pool at the cavern's entrance. Devils Hole is located in a detached unit of Death Valley National Park adjacent to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Nye County, Nevada.

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and National Park Service staff and volunteers worked together on the official fish count, following methods used since 1972. Some scientists donned scuba gear to count fish in the cavern, starting at 100 feet below the surface. Meanwhile other scientists stayed on the surface to count fish in the shallow pool. The surface and underwater numbers were added together. Researchers conducted multiple counts on September 29 and 30.

The official result, 187 observable pupfish, is the highest count recorded since September 2003. Michael Schwemm, Senior Fish Biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "In natural systems it's important to appreciate that small populations fluctuate in size seasonally and annually, and it is not uncommon to gain or lose 30 fish between counts. Still, our current count far exceeds this margin."

The scientists were also pleased by how healthy the pupfish looked, and their age range. "The majority of the fish we counted were juveniles and young adults," stated Brandon Senger, Supervising Fisheries Biologist for Nevada Department of Wildlife. "This population structure is what is really important, and we will continue to monitor this closely."

Corey Lee, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Manager, described the interagency team as "cautiously optimistic." Trends can change quickly. The next pupfish count will be held in the spring.

## JOB FAIR

A job fair will be held at the Amargosa Valley Community Center on November 14, 2018.

This Job Fair will be held by the Nye County Coalitions, beginning at 4:00 pm. Come see what jobs are being recruited for. Don't forget to bring your Resume!!

VFW Post 6826 in Amargosa is looking for new members. If you served overseas and are a veteran with an honorable discharge or a current member of the military, you will probably qualify. Contact Post Commander Larry at 372-5613.



**AMARGOSA VALLEY  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018**

**TO OUR POTENTIAL SPONSORS**

The annual Amargosa Valley Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1st. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event and grows each year. We will provide a traditional Christmas dinner to over 320 residents this year. We are able to provide this meal at no cost to our residents through generous donations from the local business community and individuals. Please help us provide this much appreciated program with your contribution. Make checks payable to:

Town of Amargosa Valley  
821 E Farm Road  
Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

Please write for Christmas Dinner in the note section.

Thank You,  
Carmen Brown and Diane George  
Co-Chairmen

Amargosa Christian Fellowship  
707 E. Farm Road

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: James Attebury  
Website:  
<http://www.amargosachristianfellowship.com>

The purpose of Amargosa Christian Fellowship is to teach the Bible to believers; edifying, instructing, and discipling them towards maturity in the faith. To represent Christ and teach the truths of the Gospel to our community. To further the cause of Christ throughout the world.

Amargosa Valley Medical Center wants to announce that we have a new provider, her name is Marguerite LoPresti, PA-C . As a reminder, dial 775-372-5432 press option 0 then press option 0 again and you will go directly to the clinic and bypass the call center.  
Flu season is coming upon us so do not delay, get your flu shots.

⇒ AD PRICES: 1/8 B&W - \$15, COLOR \$40, 1/4 B&W - \$25,  
COLOR - \$50, 1/2 B&W - \$50 COLOR - \$75, FULL  
PAGE B&W - \$100 COLOR - \$150.00. RELIGIOUS AND  
NON-PROFIT AD'S ARE FREE UNLESS IN COLOR,  
THEN \$50. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE TO THE TOWN  
OF AMARGOSA AND SHOULD ACCOMPANY AD. FOR  
NEW BUSINESS 1ST 1/2 PAGE AD IS FREE.

**DID YOU KNOW**

The Nye County Sheriff's Auxiliary provides a "vacation watch service" for those who will be away from their homes Amargosa Valley and Beatty. If you are interested, please call NCSO Dispatch @ 775-751-7000 (option 5)



## TURKEY BINGO



Come out for a night of FUN!!!! Bring a friend



November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.

Beatty Community Center

**Help Support the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department**

### THE SENIOR CENTER



FALL HAS ARRIVED AND IT'S TIME TO ENJOY SOME TASTY DINNERS AT THE CENTER. DINNERS AND BREAKFAST WILL INCLUDE HOT AND HEALTHY SOUPS, COMFORT FOODS, AND HOT BEVERAGES. CHECK OUT THIS MONTH'S MENU WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

THE SENIOR CENTER OFFERS A FRIENDLY WARM FUZZY ATMOSPHERE. COME TO THE CENTER TO SEE OLD FRIENDS OR TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS. WE HAVE SEVERAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CRAFT MAKING, POOL COMPETITIONS, BASEBALL WORLD SERIES VIEWING, PUZZLE PIECING, AND MUCH MORE. WE SHARE NEWS, VIEWS, LOCAL HAPPENINGS, AND GOOD FOOD.

WE ALSO OFFER HOME MEAL DELIVERY FOR THOSE THAT ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE CENTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTER AT 775-372-5413.