

# Needles Desert Star

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## Needles in brief

A collection of community events

Representative of state senator to visit Needles July 30

**BAKERSFIELD** - A district representative of Sen. Roy Ashburn (R-Bakersfield) will visit communities throughout the 18th District this month to dispense information or assistance with state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Fish and Game, professional licensing boards, state Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, California Public Employees Retirement System, state Personnel Board, etc.

A representative is scheduled to visit Needles between 9 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, at Needles City Hall, 817 Third Street.

Rotary introduces new event for Needles

**NEEDLES** - The Needles Rotary Club will sponsor its first Rotary's Rolling Rails. The event will be designed to celebrate Needles Railroad History and will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11.

This year will spotlight the completion of the caboose restoration. An afternoon of events is being planned. Many other organizations and businesses are being asked to participate to ensure there is something for every member of the family and community.

The international service club members believe that Needles has a unique venue for such an event.

One of the activities that inspired them as children was model train displays. Currently the club is inviting local model railroad enthusiasts who would be interested in showing off their treasures to contact Bill Hunter at 760-326-3220.

For any other questions call Terri Anderson at the Needles Library 760-326-9255, Ruth Ross at 760-326-6544 or Lucia Ogle at 760-326-2600.

Air district taking award nominations

**VICTORVILLE** - The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is seeking nominations for its 2008 Exemplar Awards, which recognize outstanding contributions to the prevention or control of air pollution in the high desert.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, schools, organizations and individuals who service communities or reside within the district, which includes the San Bernardino County high desert and the Blythe area in Riverside County.

Nominations must be postmarked or received at MDAQMD offices by Thursday, Aug. 21, at 5 p.m. The Exemplar Awards will be presented in association with National Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 15-21. To receive a nomination packet, or for more information, contact the MDAQMD's Community Relations-Education Office at 760-245-1661, ext. 6104. The packet is also available at the MDAQMD's website at [www.mdaqmd.ca.gov](http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov).

Water report available

NEEDLES - The annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report for 2007 is available now at the city of Needles Administrative and Utility Services Office, 817 Third St.

The report also was mailed to customers in their monthly utility billing.

State senator has new district director

SACRAMENTO - State Senator Roy Ashburn (R- Bakersfield) has hired a new director to head up his district Office.

Tracey La Monica, who previously worked as a field Representative to Ashburn, will oversee the Bakersfield District Office and coordinate the efforts of field staff in Ashburn's wide-ranging district, the largest senate district in California.

She was the district representative covering Tulare County the past year. She replaces Jeff Flores who left Ashburn's office after 11 years to become manager of Government Affairs and Communities for Rio Tinto Minerals/Borax.

La Monica also worked previously as a board representative to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. Prior to that, she was employed as a journalist for the Visalia Times Delta. She is a California native and holds a degree in journalism from California State University- Northridge.

Elks to hold charity breakfast on July 20

NEEDLES - Needles Elks Lodge 1608 will have a charity breakfast on Sunday, July 20, from 8 a.m. to noon.

On the menu will be bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, biscuits and gravy, orange juice and coffee.

The lodge is located at 1000 Lilyhill Drive.

For more information call 760-326-3412.

Hualapai Chair speaks to valley chamber

MOHAVE VALLEY - The Mohave Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly speaker luncheon at noon Wednesday, July 23, at Casa Serrano Mexican Restaurant, Fort Mojave.

This month's speakers will be Wolford Whatoname, chairman of the Hualapai Tribe. Lunch is \$10 and is open to the public.

Elks to have breakfast, indoor sale Aug. 2

NEEDLES - An indoor yard sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Needles Elks Lodge, 1000 Lily Hill Dr.

A pancakes or waffles and bacon breakfast will be served from 7-11 a.m.

Mohave Valley Chamber mixer planned

MOHAVE VALLEY - The Mohave Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly mixer beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23. The mixer will be hosted by Ed Horst of Abstract Storage, 10094 Harbor Blvd., phone 928-768-6556.

Senator's office to visit Needles on July 30

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Ashburn's 18th Senate District includes Kern, Tulare, Inyo and San Bernardino Counties.

Enter Peddlers' Fair

NEEDLES -Entries are now being accepted for the 38th annual Peddlers' Fair. The spaces always sell out early.

This year's fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2020 J Street.

Brochures and reservation forms are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Nyla Anderson, PO Box 822, Needles, CA 92363. For information, call Norma Murray at 760-326-3194 or Nyla Anderson at 760-326-2677.

Elks Lodge 1608 offers dinners on Tuesdays

NEEDLES - Eat in or take out dinner will be available from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at Needles Elks Lodge 1608 at 1000 Lilyhill Drive on Tuesdays during July. Menu:

July 29 - Steak, bake potato, and salad.

Call 760-326-3412 for more information.

VFW plans events

MOHAVE VALLEY - Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 404 offers a variety of special activities for members and guests. The post is at 10287 Barrackman Rd. in Mohave Valley. Call 928-788-3202. The lineup:

Every Monday in July will be game night, featuring cards, board games, pool and shuffleboard starting at 5 p.m.

Every Tuesday in July the bartenders will serve three hot wings and chips starting at 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 24, the Ladies Auxiliary will serve tacos starting at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, the Men's Auxiliary will serve breakfast from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. The menu will be chicken fried steak, eggs to order and taters.

Wednesday, July 30, Sir Ron will fix tacos and quesadillas starting at 4:30 p.m.

Free children's ministry training offered

MOHAVE VALLEY - The River Valley Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship is offering a free Super Seminar children's ministry training on Saturday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If interested please contact Dorothy Delano 928-768-8137.

#### College to loan computers

NEEDLES - Palo Verde College (Blythe and Needles campuses combined) is accepting applications from new and currently enrolled full-time students for its laptop loan program.

The deadline to apply will be Aug. 18.

Three new laptop computers will be awarded during the fall 2008 semester through a loan-ownership program. The recipients must carry a minimum of 12 units at the college with a grade point average of at least 2.0 to qualify.

Ownership will be awarded when the students complete 48 units at the college with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or more.

To be eligible students must complete all the application requirements including endorsements from three references.

For more information contact Palo Verde College and ask for a laptop loan program form.

The college is located behind Needles High School at 1600 Washington St. or call 760-326-3372.

#### Little League to hold closing ceremonies July 25

NEEDLES - Closing ceremonies for Needles Little League will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 25, at Needles Recreation Center, located at 1705 J St.

All players are requested to attend. Pictures will be handed out with trophies. Refreshments will be served.

#### Youth soccer sign-ups planned

NEEDLES - Registration for the Needles-Mohave Valley Area American Youth Soccer Organization will be held on Friday, July 25, from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, from 4-8 p.m. at Burger King, 1450 E. Aztec Rd. in Fort Mohave; on Monday, Aug. 25, from 5-8 p.m. at the Needles Recreation Center, 1705 J St.; and on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 6-10 p.m. at Modern Video, 1400 Needles Hwy. AYSO seeks kids who want to learn new skills, meet new friends and are between the ages of four and 14.

Registration costs \$50.

#### Get free physicals Aug. 4

NEEDLES - Free sports physicals will be offered for Needles High School athletes on Monday, Aug. 4, starting at noon at the Specialty Clinic, 1600 Bailey Ave.

Physicals are required for all students wishing to play sports, including cheerleaders. Athletes need to bring physical forms that can be obtained from the NHS office.

Call Rudy Zamora at 760-326-4435 between 8-11 a.m.

#### Register for summer camp

NEEDLES - Registration is now being accepted for Summer Day Camp at the Needles Recreation Center, 1705 J St.

Camp continues Monday-Thursday from 1-5 p.m. through Aug. 14. Cost is \$3 per day per participant or \$2.50 a day per participant if paying by the month.

#### Take swimming lessons

NEEDLES - Registration is under way for swimming lessons at the Needles Aquatics Center, 1101 Civic Center Dr.

Lessons are \$23 for eight half-hour sessions. Private lessons are \$10 for each half-hour session. For more information call 760-326-3866.

#### Join peewee hoopsters

NEEDLES - Kids can register now for a peewee basketball league at the Needles Recreation Center, 1705 J St.

The program is offered to children ages three to eight. Three-year-olds will be allowed to participate with a parent holding a coaching position. The cost is \$30 per child.