

## *Tis the Season to Invest in Ourselves and Our Community*

### **It's Star Party Time!**

This Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, is our *Annual Astronomical BBQ and Star Party*. This event is brought to you by the college administration, the science faculty, with assistance from our student leadership and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation. There will be two different groups performing during the evening, one of which is our very own John Stenger-Smith and his wife, called "Harmonic Bonding"! Tickets are \$10.00 per person for a great tri-tip meal and be purchased at the college Business Office. There will also be the traditional raffle and we have received some awesome items to take a chance on. This is another perfect event for you to show support for the college and to thank the public for their support as well. Dinner begins at 5:30pm with the star gazing beginning at 7:30pm. I look forward to see you there!

### **It's Time to Support "Coyotes for a Cure"!**

Cerro Coso is hosting *Relay for Life* again, **Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you are located on the IWV campus you have been invited to eat breakfast and lunch at \$3.00 for each meal Monday through Thursday through end of next week. All money raised will be donated for the fight to find a cure for cancer, which is obviously important to many of us. Besides the wonderful food we are sharing, I remind you that the penny wars are upon us. The classified bucket is looking pretty good, they have attacked the administrators bucket with silver (*AARGH*), however the faculty bucket is looking mighty sparse. So stop by Crystal Leffler's desk and place your pennies in your bucket of choice! The culmination of this effort will be a birthday party on October 30<sup>th</sup> for those who are willing to celebrate publicly their years of beating cancer. A cancer survivor's birthday is marked by the day they received the initial news that indeed their condition is malignant. Ironically, my 'birthday' was during the 2009 Star Party event at 5:30pm! So I will be celebrating my second birthday this year and invite you to join me. I also encourage others who have courageously fought the good fight to come out and celebrate their birthday with us too. Watch for specifics on the time of our college party which will come out from the spokes person of "Coyotes for a Cure"!

### **Desert Empire Fair is Coming Soon**

Last, but not least, in our efforts to support the Ridgecrest community we will be showing off our academic programs and services at the *Desert Empire Fair October 20-23*. You would be surprised as to how much our public appreciates seeing all of us during this community event. Natalie will be taking the reins this year, organizing our space and recruiting **YOU** to show up for a designated time to promote what we have to offer them. *"Let's go to the fair, I'll see you there!"*

***Check out "Pony Espresso" for your morning and afternoon treat!***