

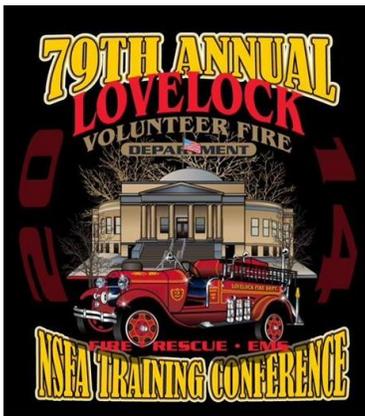
# RURAL CONNECTIONS

*A Monthly Newsletter Dedicated to the events and activities of Clark County's Rural Communities*

## Clark County Fire Fighters bring home state-wide awards

From June 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> fire fighters from all over the state converged on the northern Nevada town of Lovelock for the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Nevada State Fire Fighters Association (NSFA) Fire Conference. The conference is an opportunity for training in firefighting skills and emergency medicine – but there are also competitions, awards and recognitions. Here are the awards received by Clark County's fantastic fire fighters:

- **Fire Department of the Year:** Mount Charleston Station 81
- **Instructor of the Year:** Fire Training Instructor Larry Haydu
- **College scholarship winner:** Sidney Mallory, daughter of Indian Springs Station 83's Rick Malloy
- **Longest distance traveled to conference:** Sandy Valley Station 77
- **Manipulative Firefighting Skills:** Jonathan Abrego from Sandy Valley Station 77
- **Trap Shooting:** Mark Flesher from Clark County Station 14



## Annual Pine Needle Pick Up & BBQ held in Mt. Charleston

This year's Pine Needle Pickup and community BBQ was held at Mt. Charleston on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for residents and volunteers to clean up after the winter to help make the community fire safe. Master gardeners were on hand to guide home owners on the types of plants best suited for defensible space and that grow well at altitude. Members of the Metro Volunteer Program (called MVPs and pictured on the right) gave out goody bags with evacuation forms, fire safety information and auto accident kits.



## Events for July – Northwest

- **Mondays** – Coupon exchange at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am\*\*
- **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Ctr, 10am – 2pm\*\*
- **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays** – Indian Springs Pool is open 1–5 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, July 9** – Kids Craft “Tie Dye” at the Indian Springs Community Center, 12:30 pm, \$1
- **Monday, July 14** – Field Trip “Beat the Heat Day @ Camp Lee” a day of fun activities including lunch & dinner, ages 10–17, \$10\*\*
- **Wednesday, July 23** – Kids Craft “Sock Puppets” at the Indian Springs Community Ctr, 12:30 pm, \$1
- **Wednesday, July 23** – Club Read Traveling Puppet Show at the Indian Springs Library, 2 pm
- **Thursday, July 24** – Adult game night at the Indian Springs Community Center, ages 16 and up, 7 pm
- **Thursday, July 31** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board    \*\*For information contact Teresa Hazel at 702-879-3890



## High Desert Seniors & families spend a fun day in the city

Members of the Indian Springs High Desert Seniors Group and their families had a great day sightseeing on June 14<sup>th</sup>. They visited the Bellagio's Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, met some characters at the Planet Hollywood and enjoyed the buffet at the Santa Fe. Special thanks to the Silver Rider bus and driver Diane Booher.

## Grilling season is here - please enjoy and be safe with the following tips from the Clark County Fire Department!



### Safety Tips

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Use long-handled grilling tools for plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

### Charcoal Grills

- Use the proper starter fluid and store it out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.
- Never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid.

### Propane Grills

- Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles.
- If you determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test & there is no flame:
  - Turn off the propane tank and grill.
  - If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

### Remember

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

For more tips visit: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/fire/Pages/BBQFireSafety.aspx>

## Events for July – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Tuesday July 1, 15 & 29** – Open Rec at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 3–4 pm
- **Friday, July 4** – Fourth of July celebration at Peace Park in Sandy Valley
- **Friday, July 4** – Blue Diamond 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & BBQ, parade starts at 10, BBQ and games to follow
- **Tuesday, July 8** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 9** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mountain Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, July 13** – Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 5–7pm, \$5.00
- **Monday, July 14** – Field Trip to Camp Lee from Sandy Valley, sign up by July 8<sup>th</sup>, \$10.00\*\*
- **Wednesday, July 16** – Club Read Traveling Puppet Show at the Blue Diamond Library, 2 pm
- **Saturday, July 19** – Pancake Breakfast at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 8–10:30 am, \$3.50
- **Saturday, July 19** – Movie field trip to “The Hobbit” from Sandy Valley, sign up by July 15\*\*
- **Tuesday, July 22** – Reading is Magic featuring Tony Daniels at the Sandy Valley Library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, July 29** – Goodsprings CAC\* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, July 30** – Red Rock CAC\* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Thursday, July 31** – End of Summer Reading Celebration at the Goodsprings Library, 3 pm

\*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council \*\*Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for details

## Successful Community Clean-Up held in Mountain Springs

Residents, county staff and forest service personnel joined together for the annual community clean up and BBQ in Mountain Springs on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers enjoyed the cool mountain air while they collected trash on the local roads and along the highway. The event ended with a BBQ at the Fire Station where participants had the chance to socialize, meet their neighbors and get information about the forest environment from Forest Service representatives.



## Wildflowers

Rural Clark County is home to an amazingly diverse collection of climates and communities, which is reflected in the beautiful plants and flowers that accentuate our natural areas. Here's a collection of photographs I have taken of just a few of the desert and mountain flowers I have seen in my travels around the county. Looking at them makes me think of cool spring breezes and fresh mountain air - hope it works for you too during this hot time of year! Enjoy!



If you would like to receive Rural Connections or would like to contribute community events, articles or photos, please contact Meggan Holzer at [meggan@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:meggan@clarkcountynv.gov) or 702-455-0341



*Where liberty dwells, there is my country.*

*~ Benjamin Franklin*

## Events for June – Southeast

- **Tuesdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5:30 pm, \$25 for six weeks or \$5 drop in
- **Throughout July** – Summer Programs (Craft, Dance, Fitness and more) at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center, call 702-298-3413 for more information
- **Tuesdays thru Sundays** – Swim Lessons and other water programs for all ages begin at the Laughlin Water Park. Call 702-299-9955 for details and registration information
- **Wednesday, July 2** – Club Read Traveling Puppet Show at the Searchlight Library, 2 pm
- **Friday, July 4** – Independence Day Celebration at Searchlight Community Park, Parade & activities (music, games, scavenger hunt & more) begin at 11:30 am, Fireworks display at 9 pm
- **Friday, July 4 & Sunday, July 6** – “Rockets over the River” celebration in Laughlin, 9 pm
- **Sunday, July 6** – Kids movies at the Laughlin Library, “The Lego Movie”, 1:30 pm
- **Tuesday, July 8** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 9** – Searchlight Town Advisory Board Mtg at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, July 10** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Friday, July 11** – Movies at the Laughlin Library, “Winter’s Tale,” 2 pm
- **Monday, July 14 – Thursday, July 17** – Searchlight Youth Basketball Camp at Community Park, 1-3 pm
- **Saturday, July 19** – Quilting lessons from Spirit Mtn Quilt Guild, Laughlin Library, 10:30am – 3pm, free
- **Sunday, July 20** – Kids movies at the Laughlin Library, “Rio 2”, 1:30 pm
- **Thursday, July 24** – Reading is Magic featuring Tony Daniels at the **Laughlin** Library, 10:30 am
- **Thursday, July 24** – Reading is Magic featuring Tony Daniels at the **Searchlight** Library, 1:30 pm
- **Friday, July 25** – Movies at the Laughlin Library, “Non’Stop,” 2 pm

## Events for June – Northeast

- **Mondays thru Thursdays** – Summer Recreation at the **Bunkerville** Community Center, 9 am – 3 pm, call 702-346-5260 for more information
- **Mondays thru Thursdays** – Summer classes (golf, art, dance and more) at the **Moapa** Recreation Center, call 702-864-2423 for schedule and registration information.
- **Mondays thru Thursdays** – Summer Recreation, Sports Camp and other programs at the **Moapa Valley** Sports Park. Call 702-398-7480 for more information.
- **Friday, July 4** – July 4<sup>th</sup> activities at the Clark County Fair Grounds in Logandale, all day
- **Wednesday, July 9** – Club Read Traveling Puppet Show at the Moapa Town Library, 2 pm
- **Wednesday, July 9** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, July 23** – Reading is Magic featuring Tony Daniels at the Bunkerville Library, 9 am
- **Wednesday, July 23** – Reading is Magic featuring Tony Daniels at the Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Friday, July 25** – End of Summer Reading Celebration at the Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Tuesday, July 29** – End of Summer Reading Celebration at the Moapa Town Library, 1 pm
- **Tuesday, July 29** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Marley P. Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm
- **Thursday, July 31** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm



### Some interesting facts about Independence Day

Americans consume about 155 million hot dogs on Independence Day - it is the biggest hot dog holiday of the year.

The stars on the original American flag were in a circle to denote the equality of all the colonies.

Three U.S. Presidents, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson & James Monroe, died on July 4<sup>th</sup> - Adams and Jefferson died within hours of each other in 1826.

Americans began observing the Fourth of July as early as 1777, when the first-ever major celebration in Philadelphia included a parade and a thirteen-shot cannon salute and fireworks.

Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who wanted the bald eagle.

50 flags are flown 24 hours a day at the Washington Monument.

**Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**