

RURAL CONNECTIONS

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

Wings & Wildlife to be celebrated May 10, 2014 in Laughlin

May 10, 2014 is World and International Migratory Bird Day - a day to celebrate the diversity of birds around the world, their amazing migrations, and the phenomenal range of behaviours, plumages, and songs they exhibit. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the many ways in which birds matter to the earth, to ecosystems, and of course, to us.

The Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trails Partnership will be celebrating World and International Migratory Bird Day with a Wings & Wildlife event. Activities will include kite painting and flying, a wildlife treasure hunt, bird watching, bird house painting, raffles and live animal exhibits. All of the activities are free and raffle tickets will be given at each event station. Raffle drawings will start at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun!

Wings and Wildlife will be held Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 9am-1pm at Pyramid Canyon Park & Trails in Laughlin. The park is located in the

Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails along the Colorado River at the base of Davis Dam in Laughlin, NV. Follow the Pyramid Canyon Park and Trails signs on State Highway 163 towards Davis Dam.

For more information, check out the Laughlin Trails website at www.laughlintrails.org and the Bird's Day website at www.birdday.org.



Events for May -Southeast

- **Sunday, May 11** - Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Mother's Day Breakfast fundraiser, 8 am to noon. Adults: \$5.00, Kids 6-12: \$3.00, Kids under 6 eat free.
- **Tuesday, May 13** - Laughlin TAB at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 14** - Searchlight TAB at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Monday, May 19** - School Play at Harry Reid Elementary School in Searchlight, 1:30 pm
- **Monday, May 26** - VFW Memorial Day ceremony at the Searchlight Cemetery, 9 am

*TAB=Town Advisory Board

Racing Pigs, Trout Fishing and More at the Clark County Fair

The Clark County Fair and Rodeo was held at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Logandale from Thursday, April 10th through Sunday, April 13th. As usual, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The small animal building housed chickens and rabbits of every shape and size as well as a display that allowed kids to try their hand at milking a cow. The photography, art and other creations in the Fine Arts Building displayed the diverse talent we have here in Clark County. Watching the 4-H participants show their animals is always a treat. The relationships they build with their animals is such a testament to all of their hard work throughout the year.

A new addition to the Fair this year was Nevada Department of Wildlife's exhibit. In the tent were displays of big game, kids activities, and lots of great information about hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and being in the outdoors. Outside, kids had an opportunity to try their hand at catch-and-release fishing in a 32 foot long fish tank or get some hands on experience with a bow and arrow at the archery range.

And, who can talk about the fair without mentioning the food? There were food, drink, dessert and snack vendors of every kind including favorites like Indian Fry Bread, funnel cakes and cotton candy. If you leave the fair with an empty stomach, you are definitely missing out!



Events for May – Northeast

- **Thursday, May 1** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm
- **Friday, May 2** – Open House at Logandale Fire Station 73, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. 3570 Lyman St.
- **Saturday, May 3** – Moapa Valley Food Swap at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Office, 1897 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., 1–3 pm Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/may-moapa-valley-food-swap-tickets-11254409241> for more information.
- **Wednesday, May 14** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Monday, May 19** – Walk-In and Online registration begins for Clark County Parks and Recreation Summer Programs. Call 702-398-7480 for more information.
- **Tuesday, May 27** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Marley P. Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm

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Roos N More Visits Indian Springs Community Center

During Spring Break the kids in Indian Springs got a very special visit from the animals from Roos N More Zoo. They got to hold, pet and get walked on by many different animals including potbellied pigs, baby kangaroos, and a coatimundi – a South American mammal related to the raccoon.



Events for April – Northwest

- **Thursday, May 1** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Thursday, May 1** – “Making Nice” a play performed by the Indian Springs Middle and High School students, 6 pm
- **Saturday, May 3** – Indian Springs Community Clean Up and Spring Festival. Festival activities including raffles, games, vendors and displays from Creech Air Force Base at the Indian Springs Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm**
- **Saturday, May 10** – 7th Annual Spring Cleaning in the Spring Mountains, 9 am to 2 pm. Visit www.gomtcharleston.com for details.
- **Sunday, May 4** – Junior Ranger program at the Spring Mountains Visitor Center in Kyle Canyon, 1–2 pm
- **Wednesday, May 7** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center. 3:30 pm Cost: \$1.00.**
- **Saturday, May 10** – Luau at the Indian Springs Community Center to support the High Desert Senior Citizens Group. Food, entertainment and raffles from 3 pm to 5 pm For tickets or more information call Candace at 702-569-0630.
- **Tuesday, May 13** – Indian Springs School’s Spring Band Concert.
- **Tuesday, May 20** – Living With Fire wildfire preparedness conference at the Resort on Mt. Charleston, 11 am – 2 pm. Visit www.LivingWithFire.info for more information.
- **Saturday, May 24** – Bingo at the Indian Springs Community Center. 7:00 pm 18 and over.**
- **Thursday, May 15** – Indian Springs TAB meeting, 7:30 pm at the IS Community Center
- **Thursday, May 29** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

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Events for May – Southwest

- **Saturday, May 3** – BINGO at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, dinner at 6 pm, bingo at 7 pm. Proceeds to benefit Las Vegas Veteran’s Memorial
- **Saturday, May 3 through Sunday, May 4** – 32nd Annual Goodsprings Old-Timer’s Reunion at the Goodsprings Community Center. Visit www.goodsprings.org for more information.
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Wednesdays in May** – Meet the Candidates running for Clark County Sheriff at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7 – 9 pm
- **Tuesday, May 13** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 13** – Sandy Valley CAC meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, May 15** – Sandy Valley Grange meeting at the SV Senior Center, 6 pm
- **Saturday, May 17** – Pancake Breakfast at the SV Senior Center, 8 – 11 am
- **Tuesday, May 27** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, May 28** – Red Rock CAC meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Friday, May 30** – Sandy Valley Career & College Fair: Rock Star Your Future at the Sandy Valley School MP Room, 12 – 4 pm

Spring has sprung and brought lots of baby animals with it!

One of the things I love most about the rural areas is the animals. I never get tired of seeing all of the different types of animals that are raised right here in Clark County – as well as the many wild animals that share our desert. From sheep to burros to tarantulas, I have had some very interesting animal encounters in my travels as a Rural Towns Liaison. Meeting a large toad sitting on a box of Milk Duds in the candy aisle at the Shell Station in Indian Springs is something I won’t soon forget! This spring I have gotten to see so many baby animals and was even lucky enough to witness a calf being born. It was such a beautiful experience to see that new life come into the world. Here are some of the pictures of baby animals that I have taken in my travels this spring. I hope they bring a little happiness your way today.

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