



RURAL CONNECTIONS

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

Sandy Valley VFD nominated as one of the 20 best in the U.S.



The Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department (CCFD Station 77) is one of 20 finalists in Johnsonville's "Best of US" program. Johnsonville called on the nation to help identify and celebrate some of the most deserving unsung heroes: Volunteer firefighters. Per the Johnsonville website: Volunteer firefighters are among the most critical public service groups in the U.S., dating back to at least the 1730s. Throughout history, these brave men and women have upheld an American tradition of volunteerism and helping those in need. Through this service, volunteer firefighters donate their time to keep community members protected from fires and other disasters. It's time we honor these unsung heroes who make

our communities feel safer, all without asking anything in return. They received hundreds of amazing submissions detailing how these volunteer fire departments truly embody the spirit of volunteerism in America. All of our rural communities here in Clark County are protected by volunteer fire fighters. Not only do they respond to emergencies, they are an integral part of their communities. They participate in local events, run shot clinics, perform school fire drills and do countless other things that contribute to making Clark County's rural communities great places to live. The volunteers at Sandy Valley's Station 77, led by Chief Ken Smith, are an exceptional group of people and truly deserve this recognition. And, with your help, they could be chosen as the top Volunteer Fire Department in the country!

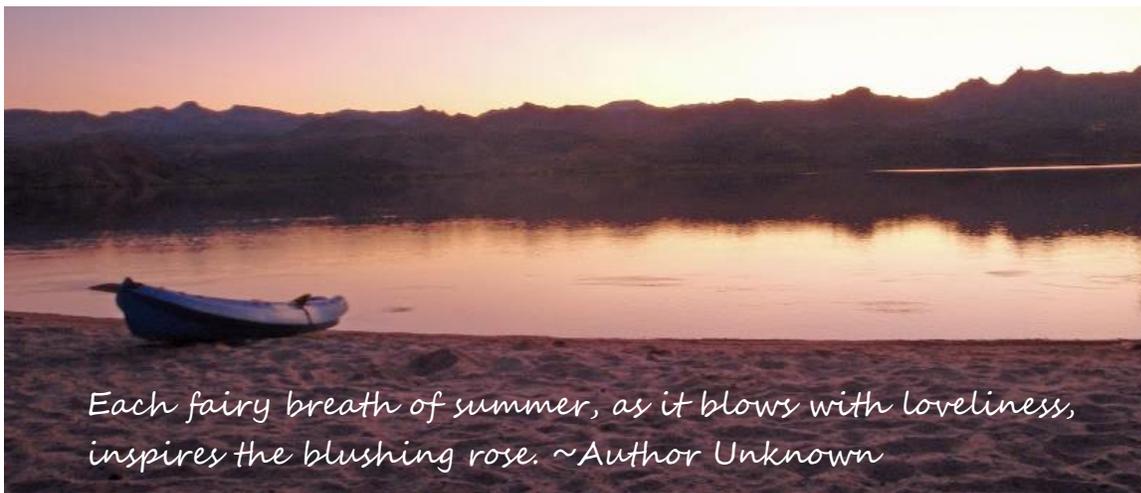
Visit <http://bestofus.johnsonville.com/> and click on the blue "VOTE NOW" on the right side of the screen. You can vote once each day and voting is open until 6/20/14 at 11:59pm ET. Good luck SVVFD!!



Events for June – Southwest

- **Tuesday, June 3** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Blue Diamond Library, 3:30 pm
- **Tuesday, June 3** – Blue Diamond Charitable Association meeting at the BD Rec Hall, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 5** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Goodsprings Library, 3 pm
- **Saturday, June 7** – Mtn Springs Community Clean Up & BBQ at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 9 am – 1 pm
- **Saturday, June 7** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Sandy Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Saturday, June 7** – BINGO at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, dinner at 6 pm, bingo at 7 pm.
- **Saturday, June 7 – 8** – Annual Diamond Kid Junior Triathlon and Run Run. Visit www.DiamondKid.com for more information.
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, June 10** – Sandy Valley CAC meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 11** – Mountain Springs CAC meeting at the Mountain Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, June 14** – DJ Tony dance show at the Sandy Valley Library, ages 6 and up, 12 pm.
- **Monday, June 17 & 24** – Open Rec at the SV Community Center*
- **Saturday, June 21** – Pancake Breakfast at the SV Senior Center, 8 – 11 am
- **Saturday, June 21** – SV Parks & Rec movie field trip, sign up by June 17th, space is limited*
- **Saturday, June 21** – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for ages 10 and up, 2 pm. BBQ lunch will be available. Call 702-274-2505 for more information
- **Tuesday, June 24** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, June 25** – Red Rock CAC meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*Call Shawna at 702-723-5040 for details



*Each fairy breath of summer, as it blows with loveliness,
inspires the blushing rose. ~Author Unknown*

Indian Springs Luau: Island Food, Polynesian Dancers & Fun

The High Desert Senior Citizens Group in Indian Springs hosted a Luau on Saturday, May 10th at the Indian Springs Community Center. The event began with a fantastic performance by Tiare's Polynesian Halau. They performed both Hawaiian and Tahitian dances in a variety of beautiful costumes. A few audience members even got to learn how to hula! An island feast was served including kalua pork, chicken long rice and pineapple upside down cake. This was the High Desert Senior's first luau and it was such a fun event and such a tremendous success, hopefully it will be the first of many!



Events for June – 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
- **Thursday, June 5** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Indian Springs Library, 1 pm
- **Saturday, June 7** – Mount Charleston's Annual Pine Needle Pickup and Community Cleanup. Volunteers begin organizing at 7 am at the Clark County Fire Station in Old Town for clean-up activities throughout the community. For more information call Liz Claggett at 702-387-3111
- **Tuesday June, 10** – Kids craft for Father's Day at the Indian Springs Community Center, 12 pm, \$1
- **Wednesday, June 11** – Field Trip to Whitney Rec Center Climbing Wall and lunch at Centennial Park, ages 8 and up, \$2**
- **Thursday, June 12** – Indian Springs TAB meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, June 14** – High Desert Seniors trip to the Bellagio, call Dukk at 702-218-7311 for details
- **Tuesday, June 17** – Open Rec begins at the Indian Springs Community Center, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm**
- **Thursday, June 26** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 26** – Adult BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm**

Events for June – Northeast

- **Monday, June 2** – Summer classes (golf, art, dance and more) begin at the Moapa Recreation Center, call 702-864-2423 for schedule and registration information.
- **Tuesday, June 3** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Moapa Town Library, 1 pm
- **Friday, June 6** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Wednesday, June 11** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Monday, June 16** – Summer Recreation begins at the Bunkerville Community Center, Monday – Thursday through August 7, 9 am – 3 pm, call 702-346-5260 for more information
- **Friday, June 20** – Fratello Marionettes Perform *Carnival of the Animals* at the Moapa Town Library, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, June 24** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Marley P. Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, June 25** – Club Read Puppet Show at the Bunkerville Community Center, 2 pm
- **Thursday, June 26** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

— Henry James



Photos from Arrow Canyon – a great area for hiking & exploring near Moapa in Northeast Clark County.

Events for June – Southeast

- **Tuesday, June 3** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Laughlin Library, 3:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 4** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Searchlight Library, 12:30 pm
- **Every Friday in June** – Children’s Dance Class at the Searchlight Community Center, 3 pm – 4 pm.**
- **Thursday, June 5** – 27th Annual Chef’s Food Fest Charity Dinner at the Aquarius Pavilion, 5:30 pm. Proceeds to benefit River Fund, Inc., a local non-profit agency providing direct emergency and crisis services for individuals and families. Call Susan at 702-298-2214 ext. 20 for more information.
- **Saturday, June 7** – Open swim hours begin at the Laughlin Water Park, call 702-299-9955 for details.
- **Tuesday, June 10** – Laughlin TAB at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 11** – Searchlight TAB at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, June 12** – Youth Field Trip from Searchlight to the movies in Laughlin. Register by June 6th.**
- **Monday, June 16 – 19** – Youth Soccer Camp at the Searchlight Community Park, 1 pm – 3 pm.**
- **Tuesday, June 17** – 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, June 25** – DJ Tony dance show at the Laughlin Library, 10:30 am
- **Wednesday, June 25** – DJ Tony dance show at the Searchlight Library, 2 pm

*TAB=Town Advisory Board

** Call 702-297-1682 for more information.

Summer Funnies!



Q: What did the pig say at the beach?

A: I'm bacon!

Q: What do you call witches who live on the beach?

A: Sandwiches!

Q: What does a shark eat for dinner?

A: Fish and ships!

Q: Why do fish swim in salt water?

A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!

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 or 702-455-0341

Rural Road Trip of the Month: Eldorado Canyon

Note from the Editor - When space and time permit I will be featuring road trip and recreation destinations around Clark County. I'll start by sharing ones I have been to and enjoyed, but would love to include your favorites, too! Just send them to me at meggan@clarkcountynv.gov

Looking for a little adventure? How does a tour of an actual gold mine sound? Or learning about renegade Indians and murdered claim jumpers? How about exploring the site of a plane crash that was part of a movie set? Or maybe catching a glimpse of Bighorn Sheep as you paddle along Lake Mojave in a canoe? You can do all of these things and many more in Eldorado Canyon. That is where Tony and Bobbie Werly run a really neat place called Eldorado Canyon Mine Tours and River Tours. The drive takes you through some beautiful desert scenery. In places, the rock formations have a lovely purple hue. As you approach the facility, you will think you have taken a trip back in time. There are old buildings, rusty antique cars and other relics everywhere. Inside the main building you can view great displays about the history, plants and animals in the area. That is also where you can sign up for the mine tours, rent a canoe, buy a snack and, if you are lucky, hear a great story from Tony. The mine tours are fantastic - very interesting and entertaining - even for teenagers! And, with the mine staying a constant 70 degrees, it is a nice escape from the heat. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent. The staff will help you load up your rental and give you great tips on places to go. If you are really adventurous, you can bring your camping gear, paddle to a cove and spend the night under the stars. My family has been visiting Eldorado Canyon since they first got started back in 2001 and it has been exciting to see how they have grown over the years. We have taken the mine tour several times, rented canoes for a day of fun on the water and used more than one of the rusty old cars as a prop for fun photos. Canoe outings (both day trips and overnights) are a part of the annual plan for my husband's scout troop every year - and the scouts love stopping at the office and getting a soda at the end of the trip.

For more information, give them a call at 702-291-0026 or visit their website at <http://www.eldoradocanyonminetours.com/>

To get there: head south on US 95 toward Laughlin. Turn left/east onto State Highway 165 toward Nelson. Stay on the 165 through the little town of Nelson - it will curve south and then back to the east. You will definitely know when you have arrived - the main office will be the white and green building on your left.

