

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Sandy Valley Celebrates the 4th of July

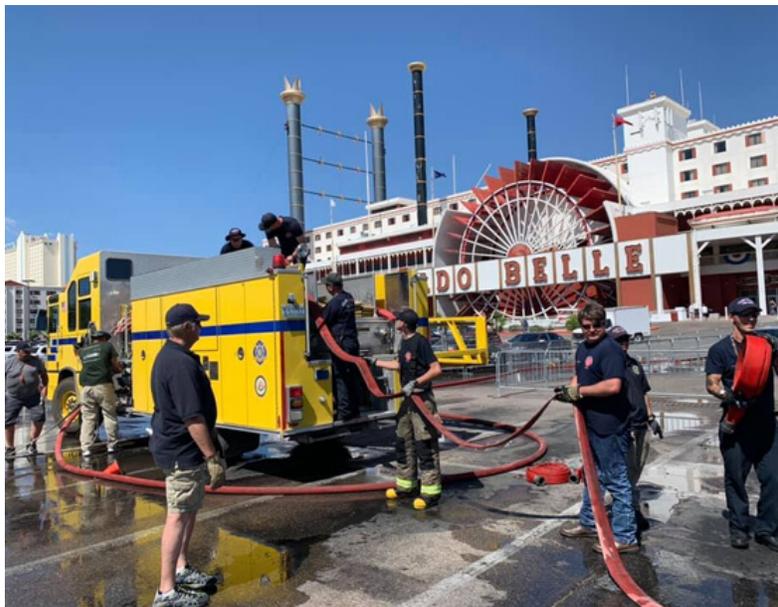
With pirate ships, military trucks, lots of horses, and Fire Chief Ken Smith as the Grand Marshall, Sandy Valley began the annual 4th of July festivities with a parade down Quartz Avenue. Residents lined the street to enjoy the entries and visit with friends and neighbors. The fun continued with food, games, and plenty of splashing water at Peace Park. The whole event was made possible by the dedicated members of the Sandy Mesquite Development Association.





Chief Larry Haydu Honored at Annual Conference

Firefighters from Sandy Valley joined fellow Firefighters from across Clark County and the entire state at the Annual Conference of the Nevada State Firefighters Association. Held in Laughlin this year, the Conference included training exercises, competitions, family activities, and an awards banquet. Clark County's very own Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu was recognized as the 2019 Instructor of the Year. This is the Chief's second time receiving this award, which he first won in 2014. His training for the department includes Wildland Firefighter and Emergency Services. When he isn't spending his time teaching valuable skills, he is also the head of the Rural Division of the Clark County Fire Department. He oversees 13 volunteer stations throughout the County that present a wide variety of environments and challenges. Congratulations Chief and that you for all you do to help keep Rural Clark County safe!





Explore the Outdoors with Tours, Hikes, & Events



November in Southern Nevada is a great time to get out and explore places that are just too hot during other parts of the year. Here are just a few experiences that are being offered this month that might even take you to new and different parts of the County.



- Saturday, 11/9 at 2 pm - Sloan Canyon Geology Walk at the McCullough Hills trail head. An easy 3 mile hike perfect for beginning hikers and anyone interested in geology and volcanoes. Reserve your spot with Park Ranger Jim Flook at dflook@blm.gov or call 702-515-5352

- Saturday, 11/16 at 8 am - Trail building event at Ice Age Fossils State Park. Join park staff as they continue working on the Las Vegas Wash Trail. In addition to trail building, teams will be dedicated to the removal of invasive weeds and trash along the trail corridor. The park will provide all materials and tools. Contact Garrett Fehner at grfehner@park.nv or 702-486-5126 for more information



- Saturday, 11/16 at 1 pm - Junior Refuge Ranger Walk at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. Join Ranger Drew for a guided walk at Corn Creek Visitor Center. Along the way you'll complete the requirements to be a Junior Refuge Ranger. Reserve your spot at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Facebook page.

- Sunday 11/17 at 9:30 - The Story of this Land at Valley of Fire. Join a ranger on an hour and a half walk along the Fire Wave trail to learn how wind, rain, snow, and ice created what we see today. Meet at the White Dome trail head.

- Tuesday, 11/19 at 1 pm - Guided Tour of the Clara Bow/Rex Bell Ranch House near Searchlight. The tour begins with a 30 minute presentation in the visitor center followed by a one hour walk through the house. Reserve your spot with Park Ranger Jim Flook at dflook@blm.gov or call 702-515-5352



- Saturday, 11/23 at 9 am - Guided Interpretive Hike in Petroglyph Canyon. A 4 mile moderate level hike with some scrambling over dry waterfalls. Reserve your spot with Park Ranger Jim Flook at dflook@blm.gov or call 702-515-5352

- Saturday, 11/23 at 4:30 pm - Owl Canyon Night Hike. Join a ranger on this moderate 2.2 mile round-trip hike on a moonless night while learning about the night sky. Call the Lake Mead Visitor Center at 702-293-8990 for details and reservations.

- Sunday 11/24 at 10 am - A Walk Through Time: The Human History of Corn Creek. Learn about the diverse groups that have called this place home. From the Paiute to the Ranchers, the Railroaders and beyond. Reserve your spot at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Facebook page.

- Friday, 11/29 at Arizona Hot Springs and White Rock Canyon Hike. Join a ranger for a strenuous hike down White Rock Canyon then looping back up through Arizona Hot Spring for a 6.5 mile total. Call the Lake Mead Visitor Center at 702-293-8990 for more details and to reserve your spot.

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2019 Hump N' Bump at Logandale Trails

Hump 'N' Bump is an internationally recognized, low-speed, two-day event, where participants in full-sized 4x4 off-road vehicles are guided over existing trails of varying difficulty in and around the Logandale trails and Valley of Fire recreation area. The event includes guided trail rides, vendor booths, spectator events, training seminars, bonfire, BBQ dinner, raffles, and special events that change annually.

Proceeds are donated back to the community to help keep public lands open for off-road vehicles, and to continue to provide local land access for future generations. For more information visit: <https://vv4w.org/hump-n-bump/>



4-H Volunteer of the Year

Moapa Valley resident Susan Dreyfus has been chosen as the 4-H Volunteer of the Year by the Nevada Agriculture Foundation and the Nevada 4-H Youth Development Program.

As the rabbit and horse leader in Northeast Clark County for over five years, Susan has shown herself to be an encouraging leader to the youth in her club and throughout the County. This fall Susan will be introducing a Junior Master Gardner program to the area.



Susan was recognized at the 2019 4-H Expo Awards Brunch in Winnemucca earlier this month, and will also be recognized and presented with her award at the Northeast Clark County 4-H Achievement Night in November, where she will receive a plaque and \$1,000 that was sponsored by the Nevada Ag Foundation to use for educational activities within her 4-H club and/or the county program.

"4-H is about building better citizens, teaching values and developing skills...It doesn't matter if you're from a farm environment or from a big city."

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Upcoming Moapa Valley Events

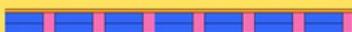


The Veteran's Day celebration is an annual tradition in Moapa Valley that celebrates the patriotism and spirit of the community. This year the parade will be on November 11th starting at 10 am near the Moapa Valley Library. The parade will proceed south along Moapa Valley Boulevard to Perkins Street near Lin's Market. Following the parade, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Veteran's Day picnic in the nearby Overton Park. The Chamber will be serving hamburgers grilled by the Moapa Valley Rotary Club, along with hamburger fixings and other side items donated by local businesses.

Native American Day at the Lost City Museum

Saturday, November 16th, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Join us to learn more about beliefs, values, and traditions of Native American peoples. This special yearly event brings visitors to watch Native American dance performances, browse hand-made items and jewelry, and enjoy a variety of food.

The U.S. Air Force will be sponsoring the days' performers, while the Lost City Museum will be hosting more crafts and jewelry vendors, and food options at the annual Native American Day celebration.

\$5 admission includes entry to the Museum & Event
Members and children 17 and younger are free

Co-hosted by:
U.S. Air Force
and the

Lost City Museum

721 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton, NV 89040
702-397-2193 ext. 0
<http://lostcitymuseum.org>



Lost City Museum Holiday Open House

Don't forget our annual raffle!

There will be holiday entertainment too!

December 7th, 2019
Free Admission from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Come join the Lost City Museum Docents in celebration of the winter holidays. Light refreshments will be served; enjoy holiday entertainment.

A raffle will be held at 2 P.M. to fundraise for museum programming. Tickets can be purchased at the museum for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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Overton, NV 89040
lostcitymuseum.org

Zephyr Christmas Concert



December 7, 2019

Zephyr Performers will combine for a wonderful evening of Christmas music that is sure to please everyone. The group is made up of singers and musicians who live in the community. Sit back, relax, and enjoy an outstanding evening of seasonal favorites presented by local artists, including a bell choir.

7:00pm in the Old Logandale School (OLSHACS), 3011 North Moapa Valley Boulevard, Logandale.

Free Admission

Messiah Sing



December 22, 2019

Following a decade long tradition, members of the Moapa Valley Community will join together to perform highlights from Handel's Messiah. Please sit back and enjoy this year's performance or participate with the chorus or orchestra.

The concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the church building located at 3245 N Moapa Valley Blvd. in Logandale. Please note the venue change from previous years for the particular use of the building's organ which will be specially featured.

Free Admission

Country Dancing

November 8th
At Olshaes from
7:00-9:30 PM

\$5.00 per couple

Ages 16- adults

Great date night! We hope this becomes a regular monthly event. Each month you'll get better!

Olshaes - 3011 N moapa Valley Blvd.

Come early!!
6:30-7:00 Basic country
dancing instructions

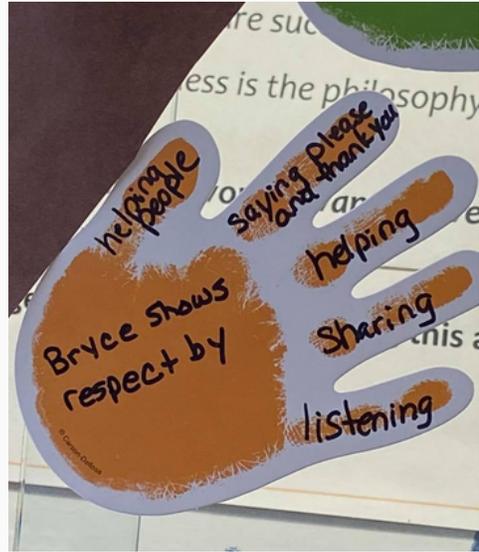
40 Years of Service at Indian Springs School

As the kids returned to Indian Springs School this year, they were greeted by a friendly face that has been welcoming them for 40 years - Ms. Dottie Frank. She started as a school aide at the school in 1979 and has been an integral part of keeping the school running smoothly ever since. She does the morning announcements, runs payroll, finds substitute teachers and gives a warm greeting to everyone that comes into the school office. Ms. Frank has seen thousands of students graduate from the school through the years, including her two daughters and four grandchildren. The school celebrated her with flowers and balloons - and Clark County School District Superintendent Dr. Jesus Jara and School District Trustee Lola Brooks also visited to celebrate the milestone achievement.



Week of Respect Celebrated at Indian Springs School

In 2011, Chapter 36 of Nevada Revised Statutes was amended to add "The Governor shall annually proclaim the first week in October to be Week of Respect." This week is dedicated to raising awareness of the need for mutual respect and creating an environment where bullying will not be tolerated. Indian Springs School celebrated with a week full of activities including wearing blue shirts, being kind to one another, placing "hands" on the Respect Tree, meeting someone new and starting a conversation, and committing random acts of kindness. To commemorate the end of the week, students and faculty gathered for a photo op in their blue attire to create a human blue ribbon.





Frights & Fun at Indian Springs Annual Spooktacular

The Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department, High Desert Seniors, and Clark County Parks and Recreation put on another fantastic Spooktacular Halloween Festival this year. On October 25th, the Indian Springs Community Center was transformed into a fortress of Halloween fun with spooky games, a bake sale, a chili cook-off, and costume contest. Residents outdid themselves with their decorations on their vehicles for the trunk or treating in the parking lot.



Upcoming Laughlin Events

EAA YOUNG EAGLES EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019 9 AM – 12 PM

Get a free flight!

The EAA Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give interested young people, ages 8 - 17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers. Through the flight experience, participants will receive a new perspective on their world and can begin to explore the opportunities available through a career or interest in aviation.

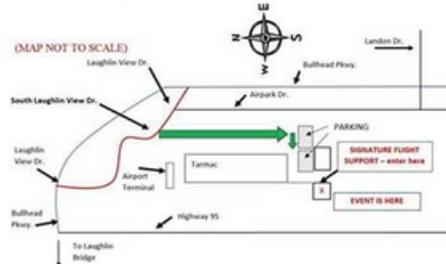
Since 1992, more than 1.5 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight through the program. Young Eagles have been registered in more than 90 different countries and have been flown by more than 43,000 volunteer pilots.

Participation is easy!

If you are between 8 and 17 years old, the EAA Young Eagles programs wants to offer you the chance of a lifetime. Turn your dreams into reality on a free Young Eagles flight and become one of over 1 Million Young Eagles! Once you become a Young Eagle, you will have more opportunities to participate, either through an online ground school, the EAA Air Academy or EAA's many scholarships. It's truly up to you!

www.young eagles.org

Event Location:



AGES 8 TO 17 FLY FOR FREE!

FREE REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
9 AM – 12 PM




Event Location:
Signature Flight Support
2550 Laughlin View Dr, Building 40
Bullhead City, AZ 86429

For event information call:
(928) 754-2134

Upcoming Events at the Laughlin Library



NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE & MUSIC

WITH DERRICK SUWAIMA DAVIS
WORLD CHAMPION
HOOP & FANCY DANCER

Las Vegas Clark County LIBRARY DISTRICT



Adult Painting
CRAFTERNOON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
2 P.M.

Funday Sunday

FALL TREE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
2 P.M.

Stop in and join us for this fun autumnal paper craft!

AGES 5 - 11



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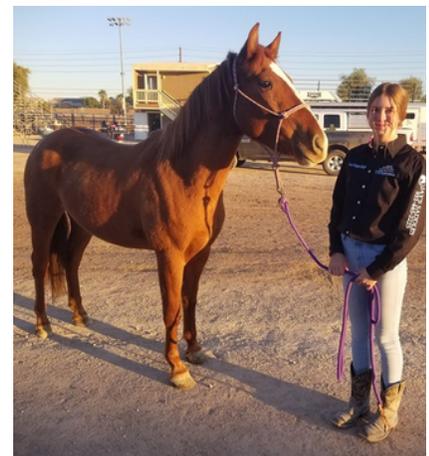


Saturday, November 9
2 p.m.



TIP Challenge Celebrates Wild Horses and Burros

From November 1st through the 3rd, Clark County's Horseman's Park was the site of two competitions that showcased the beauty and versatility of wild horses and burros that were all recently gathered in Nevada. The first competition was the Las Vegas TIP Challenge. The Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) was started by the Mustang Heritage Foundation as a way to connect potential adopters with wild horses and burros at BLM holding facilities. TIP trainers work to "gentle" mustangs and burros using natural horsemanship techniques. The Las Vegas TIP Challenge is just one of many events across the country that allow TIP trainers to demonstrate their skills, raise awareness of these versatile animals, and promote adoption. The trainers purchase or adopt their animal and then work with them for about 90 days leading up to the competition. Mustangs are considered gentle when they are able to be walked on a halter, will pick up all four feet, and will load and unload from a trailer - but the skills demonstrated by the animals and trainers during the Challenge far exceeded those benchmarks. A total of 42 horses and 3 burros competed in a variety of events including Handling and Conditioning, Trial Class, and Freestyle - a routine set to music showing the skills and showmanship of the team. The groups were divided into adult, youth and burro classes. Teams traveled from all over the United States, with the furthest competitor coming all the way from Florida! Many of the horses in the competition were available for adoption after the event. One mare named Nova (middle right photo), that was trained right here in Las Vegas, was adopted to be trained as a future police horse!



The second competition was the Wild Showdown which was open to anyone with a mustang or burro. The goal of the Wild Showdown was to show the versatility and trainability of mustangs and burros. There were 40 competitors that showed their skills in a variety of classes including a costume contest.



In addition to the competitions that were taking place in both arenas throughout the weekend there were also untrained horses available for adoption, trainer Mustang Maddy gave several performances, Extreme Wylene (who was featured in the movie "Wild Horse Wild Ride") gave an incredible demonstration, and attendees were able to meet competitors and their equine companions.

This event was sponsored by the Mustang Heritage foundation and contributions were made by countless other organizations and individuals - but Amber Lynne and Isidro Espinoza are the people that really made it all happen. Thank you for your dedication and for bringing such a great event to Las Vegas to showcase America's own wild horses and burros!



This was the inaugural year for this event. If you are interested in seeing another TIP Challenge here in the future, contact the Mustang Heritage Foundation and let them know. <https://mustangheritagefoundation.org/> If you are interested in adopting or purchasing a wild horse or burro, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/adoption-and-sales>

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One of the most exciting things about the TIP Challenge and Wild Showdown was the fact that three of the horses in the competition were born in Cold Creek. They were in the group of horses that was gathered in 2018 and taken to the BLM Wild Horse Facility in Ridgecrest, California. They were selected to be part of the Challenge and their trainers brought them back here to show how far they have come!

Cleopatra

Cleopatra was gathered from Cold Creek in May of 2018 as a baby. When the horses were assigned to the TIP trainers for the Challenge, Cleopatra was paired with Hanna Algoflah from Buckeye, Arizona. Hanna picked her up on July 13th and their training adventure began. Hanna shared photos and videos on the TIP Challenge Facebook page over the months leading up to the event showing their progress and teamwork. All of that training was put to the test when Hanna's music wouldn't work at the last minute for the Freestyle portion of the Challenge. Hanna quickly put together a new routine to the song "Carwash" and the result was fantastic - complete with sponges, shower caps, and plenty of sparkles! Overall, Hanna and Cleopatra came in 8th place out of 25 adult competitors. Congratulations to this great team! And, if you are looking for a sweet, award-winning, filly to add to your herd, Cleopatra is still available for adoption!



Wrangler

When Wrangler was chosen to be a part of the TIP Challenge, little did he know that he would get paired with the youngest competitor - Dillon Eicher. But, right from the beginning, everyone could tell that it was a perfect match! Although Dillon's dad is an award winning mustang trainer, 10 year old Dillon trained Wrangler all on his own at home in Weatherford, Texas. By the end of the first day of training, July 15th, Dillon had already been able to lead Wrangler around the round pen, remove his tag, and spray him with fly spray. They made great progress over the next few months and it really showed throughout the competition. Dillon and Wrangler took home many awards including 3rd place overall in the Youth Division and the Rookie Youth Buckle. While some boys would have been intimidated to be the male competitor against 16 girls - all of them older than him - Dillon didn't seem to mind!



Maga

After being gathered in Cold Creek and then living in Ridgecrest, Maga must have had quite a shock when she ended up in lush greenness of Wisconsin! But, his match with Kaitlin Norton was perfect! The pair made great progress through the months as they prepared for the challenge. Maga got plenty of love from Kaitlin's little girls and was even a special guest at horse camp where he got a patriotic makeover!





Rocky's Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

Rocky has been a busy burro over the past few months. He got a much needed haircut at the beginning of the summer. He didn't love standing still and being tickled by the clippers - but he was much happier without that hairy coat. With his new big boy hairstyle he was ready to start going on trail rides with the big horses. His first ride was in the arena to make sure that everyone was safe - but he did so great that he got to ride off the ranch right away! He's been on many trail rides with his big horse brother, Tommy, and is working on not spooking so much when jackrabbits jump out from the bushes!



He continues to be the number one helper around the ranch. His duties lately have included chicken feed bag inspection, pig house construction, and front gate greeting with the dogs.

The ranch has welcomed several new animals over the past few months and Rocky has pretty much taken it all in stride - until he first met Franklin, the baby pot bellied pig. He wasn't too sure about him - and his little piggy noises definitely didn't help! Luckily, he is getting used to having a little pig for a brother.

