

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Mt. Springs Resident Shares Patriotic Spirit on 9/11

On September 11th, as the country reflected on the tragic events of that day in 2001, Mt. Springs resident, Rafael Sarabia, saddled up his horse, Red Sonja, and headed out to State Highway 160. From 9 am to 7 pm he proudly displayed the American flag for motorists traveling back and forth between Pahrump and the Las Vegas Valley. He received many honks, waves and cheers – and even visits from a couple of people that stopped to thank him for his patriotic gesture. He kept a bag of treats by his side so the visitors could show Sonja their appreciation, too. Rafael has also been known to let Santa borrow Red Sonja to help spread some cheer and wave to passers-by at Christmas time. Thank you, Rafael, for helping to make Rural Clark County such a special place!



Sandy Valley VFD Receives New 4 Wheel Drive Rescue

On September 1st, the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of their brand new 4x4 rescue. The unit is a 2015 McCoy Miller with a 4 wheel drive conversion. Led by Chief Ken Smith, the SVVFD covers a large geographic area with terrain varying from paved streets to gravel roads to mountain passes, so the 4x4 ability of the new rescue is a welcomed addition to the station. Congratulations Station 77!!



Events for October – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Every Wednesday** – Adult/Teen basketball at the Sandy Valley School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, \$2.00. People are welcome to come walk around the gym, too.**
- **Every Friday** – Crafts at the SV Senior Center. Working on projects for the Holiday Bazaar. 1 pm
- **Thursday, October 1** – Halloween craft at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 4 – 5 pm**
- **Thursday, October 1** – Movie night at the Sandy Valley Community Center, showing Cinderella. Free snacks. Bring your own pillows and blankets. 5 pm**
- **Friday, October 2** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Potluck and General Meeting, Octoberfest theme, 1:00 pm
- **Tuesday, October 13** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 13** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 13** – Managing New Seasons senior wellness education series at the Blue Diamond Library. October's topic is "What's This Diagnosis?" 3 pm
- **Wednesday, October 14** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 17** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy
- **Saturday, October 17** – Medicare Supplemental Insurance presentation at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 10:30 am
- **Saturday, October 24** – Sandy Valley Farmer's Market and Swap Meet at the Keystone, 10 am to 2 pm, for more information: thesccg@gmail.com or call Kat at 702-813-4140 or Amanda at 702-723-8054
- **Tuesday, October 27** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, October 28** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Saturday, October 31** – Haunted House at the Sandy Valley Fire Station sponsored by Sandy Valley School Stuco and the SV Volunteer Fire Department, 5 pm, \$2.00

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council **Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for more information

Save the Date! The Sandy Valley Senior Center will be holding its annual Craft Bazaar on November 20th and 21st. There will be a raffle for two different Jean Rag quilts and also a hand crocheted afghan. Pictures of all prizes will be in the next issue. If you wish to sell homemade goods or crafts, please contact the Senior Center at (702) 723-1220 and leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be returned.



Fall Family Fun Around Clark County



The Farm – The Farm’s Annual Fall Harvest Festival offers activities for kids such as hay rides, a cow train, pony rides and a hay bale maze. Other offerings include specialty pumpkins & squash, jams & jellies, local honey, farm-fresh eggs, and harvest goodies from the concession stand. Visitors can also see cows, pigs and more furry and feathered friends. Proceeds benefit Barn Buddies Rescue. 7222 West Grand Teton Drive in NW Las Vegas. For hours, prices and more information visit <http://thelasegasfarm.com/>



Gilcrease Orchard – Located at 7800 N. Tenaya Way in NW Las Vegas, Gilcrease Orchard is 60 acres of agricultural land that offers a diverse choice of fruits and vegetables that you can select and pick yourself. During the fall they also offer a pumpkin patch, apple cider donuts, kettle corn, free wagon rides, a straw maze for the younger children, apple cider, and concessions. Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 7 am – 2 pm. To find out what is ready to harvest right now, visit <http://thegilcreaseorchard.org/>

Haunted Harvest – Spooktacular fun for all ages awaits those who dare enter the Springs Preserve’s Haunted Harvest. The family-friendly event features a haunted hay maze, ghost stories, trick or treat stations, carnival games, petting zoo, crafts, family bingo, live entertainment, and much more spooktacular fun. <http://www.springspreserve.org/index.html>



The Logandale Fall Festival – On October 23rd & 24th head to Logandale for two days of non-stop bluegrass music, craft vendors, a BBQ cook-off, a kids zone with rides and bounce houses – and acres of green grass for playing, picnicking or just kicking back and listening to the music. <http://www.logandalefallfestival.com/>



Moapa Valley Corn Maze – About 45 minutes north of Las Vegas, the Moapa Valley Corn Maze offers a corn maze, hay rides, water balls, horse swings, pumpkin patch, duck races, a petting zoo, a corn cannon, & more. At night enjoy outdoor Halloween movies, a haunted corn maze, and zombie paint ball. For all the details, visit <http://www.mvcornmaze.com/>



Sandy Valley’s Fall Festival – Head to southwest Clark County for harvest fun at the Fall Festival at the Keystone Center. Not only will there be a pumpkin patch, hay rides, kids games and an artisan fair, but there will also be rodeo demonstrations in the area, a dog show, and a chili-cook off! Fun for the whole family! <http://www.keystoneenrichment.com/>

Indian Springs Plans Halloween Festivities For All

On Friday, October 30, Indian Springs Fire Station #83, the High Desert Seniors and Clark County Parks and Recreation will present an afternoon and evening full of spooktacular fun for all ages at the Indian Springs Community Center!

2 – 4:30 pm – Everyone is invited to enjoy carnival games, crafts, face painting, bake sale, bouncy houses, chicken poop BINGO, the High Desert Seniors Chili Cook-Off and more!



5 – 6 pm – Bring your kids in their scary, funny and cute costumes to participate in the trunk or treat

7 – 9 pm – Even grown-ups like to have fun on Halloween! Anyone 18 and older is welcome to join the party! Bring a pumpkin for the pumpkin painting contest, enter a cake in the scariest cake competition or dare to enter the costume contest!

Events for October – Northwest

- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Tuesdays** – Take a break at the Indian Springs Community Center. Bring your own craft project, come play cards, or just get out of the house and come hang out ...Kids are welcome with a parent/adult, 4-7 pm
- **Thursday, October 1** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, October 6** – Coffee With A Cop at the Mt. Charleston Lodge hosted by the Mt. Charleston MVPs. Come meet the new Sergeant Chris O'Brien. 7 pm
- **Saturday, October 10** – High Desert Seniors Halloween pot luck at the Indian Springs Community Center, bring your favorite fall, harvest and/or Halloween foods, 3 – 5 pm
- **Thursday, October 15** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, October 21** – Halloween kids craft at the Indian Springs Community Center. Space is limited to 20, so please call or come in to reserve your child's place. This is for elementary aged children, younger children are welcome. However, an adult will need to stay and assist them, 3 pm, Cost \$1
- **Thursday, October 22** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**
- **Thursday, October 29** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

Logandale Trails Clean Up a Success

Volunteers arrived early on September 12th full of smiles and energy to clean up Logandale Trails. After visiting over donuts, juice, and coffee everyone gathered up gloves, trash bags, and water and headed out to their favorite sites and trails to tidy up the entire area. Some took magnets on poles to sweep over fire pits and campsites to remove nails and screws buried underneath the sand. Not only do tires get punctured, but people can also step on them or get scratched. Many of the nails get scattered about because some folks burn pallets during cooler nights. The nails are left behind and over time, end up everywhere, so removing as many as possible was a priority.

“We want the campsites clean and safe so that visitors have fun. Having a flat tire or worse can immediately deflate a fun day so removing as many nails as we can will make a huge difference,” said Jeff Jorgensen, one of the many volunteers from Vegas Valley Four Wheelers, a Vegas group that holds their premier rock-crawling event “Hump n Bump” at Logandale Trails every fall.

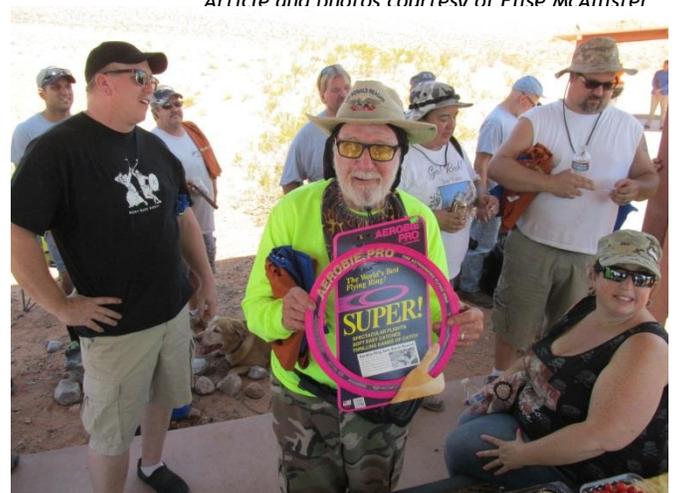
Several Vegas organizations traveled to Moapa Valley to assist with the clean-up. Becki and Eddie Ortiz, who formed R Jeeps, organized a group of over 20 jeepers to come pick up trash as did the Dunes and Trails ATV Club from Las Vegas and the Kokopelli ATV Club from Mesquite. Volunteers from Overton, Logandale, and Moapa also attend the cleanups in mass, indicating that visitors and locals alike care about the trails system.

“That’s what is so rewarding,” said Elise McAllister of Partners In Conservation (PIC). “We post up on Facebook, attend a couple club meetings, hang up some local flyers and over 70 people show up to help out. I am always amazed at the willingness of folks to drop everything and spend a day cleaning up the desert.”

Soon, a stack of trash bags and containers of rusty nails were ready to take to the dumpsters, but first the group enjoyed pizza while door prizes were given away. “The door prizes can be useful or goofy, but it is a fun way to end the day and a small way of thanking those that came out to help,” said Bonnie Leavitt, also with PIC. “We want our volunteers to know how much we appreciate them,” she added.

“Let us know when the next clean-up is,” a volunteer said upon leaving.

“Wow,” replied McAllister, “There’s no better way to end a clean-up than hearing that!”



Article and photos courtesy of Elise McAllister

Events for October – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids: nursery rhymes, songs, dances and stories for ages 3–5, 11:15 am; Read with Me! Readers of all skill levels welcome for one-on-one, no pressure reading practice with our Teen Volunteers for ages 4 and up, 4 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Circle Time: interactive songs, fingerplays and rhymes for ages 0–18 months, 11:15 am; Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use, 3 – 4 pm**
- **Monday and Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tutoring/homework help for grades K – college: free assistance with homework in any subject as well as writing essays, resumes & applications, 2:30 to 4:30 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer topics: learn about aspects of computer use at 11 am; Software, Internet & email Topics at 3 pm; **
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots: Fingerplays, songs, and stories. Ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am ; LEGO Quest: complete a challenge with LEGOs provided for ages 8+, 4 to 5:15 pm**
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Handicrafters; join crafting companions to share your knowledge and creativity, 10 am to 12 pm; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Grades 6 –12; Story Hour: Drop off the kids after school for a variety of stories, jokes, science experiments and more. Ages 5–12. 4 pm **
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on: a group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play 12 – 1:30 pm; Crafternoon: youth & adults can make a new craft every week at 2 – 3 pm**
- **Thursday, October 1** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, October 14** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, October 17** – Moapa Valley Car & Motorcycle Show: music, food, raffles, live Blue Grass and carnival rides. <http://moapavalleychamber.com/city/moapa-valley/event/moapa-valley-car-show/>
- **Monday, October 19** – DIY scratch off maps; create a scratch off map of the US or the United States of YA. As you travel or read across America, scratch off the different states, 3:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 20** – Canvas Bag Tie Dye: Come make a bag to Get Away @ your Library with. The tie dye supplies and bag will be provided – just bring your imagination. 3:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 27** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, October 29** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm
- **Friday, October 30** – The Lost City Museum will celebrate Nevada’s birthday with free admission today
- **Friday, October 30** – Parks and Recreation will present Trunk or Treat and a movie in the park from 6 – 9pm. The movie, Monster House, will begin at 7 pm. Free popcorn while supplies last. All ages welcome.

October Happenings in Laughlin



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10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10,
Laughlin Town Center

Admission is free

Sponsored by Laughlin Elks Lodge 2872
The fun will include vendors, food, beer and music!
Booth spaces are still available!
Call Kathleen at 702-299-0679 for more info.




The Laughlin International Film Festival will take place October 15th through the 18th at the stadium 9 Cinemas. Filmmakers can submit their films for the competition and everyone is welcome to attend the all-day movie screenings. In addition to the film screenings, LIFF will host various film workshops throughout the weekend and the annual Filmmaker's Breakfast with Director/Producer Panel discussion on Sunday morning in the Tropicana Pavilion Theater.

<http://www.laughlinfilmfestival.com> or
www.withoutabox.com



The 18th Annual Community Achievement Awards will be held at the Aquarius Casino Resort on Saturday, October 24th. The Community Achievement Awards were created to honor individuals, businesses, clubs, organizations and agencies that have made significant contributions to the region. Nominees must live, work, do business and/or provide services in Laughlin, Bullhead City, Fort Mohave or Mohave Valley. For more information contact the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce at 702-298-2214 ext 0

Events for October – Southeast

- **Mondays** – BINGO at the Slim Kidwell Community Center in Cal–Nev–Ari, 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** –Searchlight Senior Center: Walking at 9 am, Resistance Training at 10 am
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Community Center including exercise with the Wii, Genealogy, Card Making, Scrapbooking or bring your ideas to share, 8 am – noon
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **Thursday, October 1** – Board Game Night at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- **Thursday, October 8** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Saturday, October 10** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm, Ages 5–11**
- **Friday, October 11** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 13** – Laughlin TAB Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, October 14** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Friday, October 16** – Author John L. Haigh, Sr. will share personal stories, excerpts and pictures from his book *Air Force One: an Honor, Privilege and Pleasure to Serve* at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Thursday, October 22** – Pumpkin Painting at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- **Monday, October 26** – Enjoy an afternoon of classical guitar featuring David Grimes, Gregory Newton and Michael Nigre, better known as Trio Camino. Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Tuesday, October 27** – United Blood Services Blood Drive at the Laughlin Library, 10 am
- **Wednesday, October 28** – Managing New Seasons senior wellness education series at the Laughlin Library. October’s topic is “What’s This Diagnosis?” 3 pm
- **Saturday, October 31** – Laughlin Constable Jordan Ross’s Quarterly Town Hall Meeting at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board **For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-4060