

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Sandy Valley School to begin expansion with new gym

On Wednesday, October 28th, the entire Sandy Valley School and many community members looked on as Commissioner Susan Brager, School Board Trustee Carolyn Edwards, CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky and other dignitaries picked up bright red shovels and turned the dirt to commemorate the groundbreaking of the expansion of the school. This project is a result of years of hard work and dedication by Judge Dawn Haviland, the Sandy Valley School Boosters and the many members of the community that attended School Board meetings and made their voices heard.

The expansion will consist of 4 Phases, with the first Phase consisting of a state of the art gymnasium building. The building will include home and visitor locker rooms, a music room, bleacher seating for 300, fitness and weight rooms, a PE classroom, a concession stand, and gathering spaces both inside and outside of the building. Future phases will include additional classroom space and upgrades to the baseball field.

In addition to the upcoming development, the Sandy Valley School has many things to be proud of including being a 5 star school, a 100% graduation rate, consistently high growth and achievement scores, improving athletic programs, and tremendous community support.



Fall Festival Fun at the Keystone Foundation in SV

The Keystone's Fall Festival, held on Saturday, October 24th, offered something for everyone! There were activities for the kids, a farmer's market and swap meet, a chili cook-off, a dog show, lawn mower races, and horse shows and demonstrations in the arena - including a visit by Zorro! The Keystone Coppers kept the peace by "arresting" people and taking them for a ride in the paddy wagon. Great food, beautiful weather and wonderful people made for a fun-filled day!

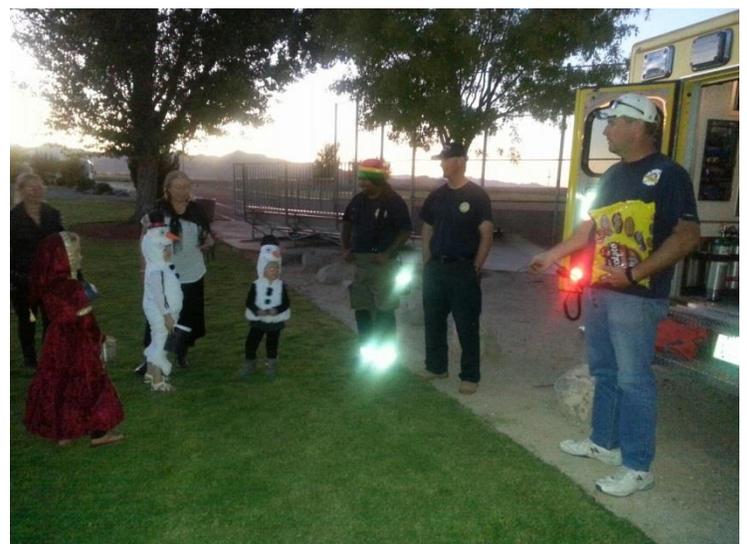


Halloween Fun Throughout the Month in Sandy Valley

The Sandy Valley Playday Association held their annual horse and rider costume contest on October 10th. The many creative entries included a mini-horse spider, a witch on her broomstick horse, and Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf. The 1st place winners were the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and 2nd place went to the 50's girl and her giant "poodle."



On Halloween Night, the Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event in Peace Park in Sandy Valley. Kids dressed in their costumes came out to get candy from the local Metro officers, the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and many other community members. There were costume contests for kids and pets, car decorating contests and a haunted house inside the fire station presented by Sandy Valley School Student Council.



Events for November – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Every Wednesday (except November 11th)** – Adult/Teen volleyball from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Adult/Teen basketball from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Sandy Valley School Gym, \$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
- **Friday, November 6** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Potluck and General Meeting, 1:00 pm
- **Tuesday, November 10** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, November 10** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 11** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Monday, November 16** – Craft and a Movies at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 4 – 7 pm
- **Friday and Saturday, November 20 & 21** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Christmas Craft Bazaar, Bake Sale, Chinese Raffle, come out and get your Christmas shopping started! 9 am to 5 pm
- **Saturday, November 21** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy, come out and see the cars of the Model T Club
- **Sunday, November 29** – Horse and Rider Obstacle Challenge to benefit Sandy Valley Food Share – see details below.

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

Horse & Rider Obstacle Challenge to Benefit Sandy Valley Food Share



Join other horse and rider teams at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 29th at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley for an obstacle challenge. The entry fee is \$20 and there will be classes for all skill levels. If you have ever wanted to put your horsemanship skills to the test, this is a great opportunity. The event will also including food, drinks, ribbons, prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Sandy Valley Food Share, a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides food to over 150 families in the Sandy Valley area. Contact Ricki at 702-510-0409 for more information.

Great events during October in Moapa Valley

The 16th Annual Moapa Valley Car Show was a relaxing, family-friendly event October 17th—at least for the spectators. Participants were busy polishing every bit of chrome and anxiously watching the skies for a while, before they too settled into lawn chairs and took to chatting about their special vehicle instead of wiping away every smudge. The leisurely pace was interrupted occasionally by an engine purring or revving up to a crowd-satisfying roar. Background rock and roll splashed with just the right amount of country music inspired folks to get up and boogie from time to time. While the winners took home trophies, all that attended went home with big smiles and happy memories—a lovely autumn day in the park, plenty of new and old friends to visit with, beautiful toys to admire and dote over, tasty food to sample, one of those idyllic postcard perfect days in Moapa Valley.



The warm October sun hastened the morning chill away on the 23rd and 24th for the 2nd Annual Fall Festival as this event was blessed with the kind of weather people literally pray for. 2 days of nonstop bluegrass music filled the air from 16 different talented bands and folks sat for hours enjoying the diverse, unique, and soul-satisfying musical stories of life and love. Wafting on the breeze, one could catch the hint of smoky BBQ as the festival also included a well-attended BBQ cook-off with top-dollar prizes. Vendors had an exciting mix of wares and services to offer from historical compilations of news clippings to the latest in healthy additives and of course the food vendors spent 2 days dishing up the tastiest offerings; Kim's blended mocha was the perfect accompaniment to Great Basin's tangy and tender beef brisket and caramel popcorn seemed to be everyone's snack of choice. The event ended too soon, but plans are already in the works for next year!



Plenty to do in Moapa Valley in November

October's events were just the precursor to November's outings in Moapa Valley as there is more crammed into 2 short weeks of this short month, than at any other time of the whole year. Hold on to your hats as you read through this dizzying list of fun – then read through it again so you can pick and choose what suits your fancy – cause, for a fact, something will!



The 20th Annual Pomegranate Festival is the Queen of Fall and this year organizers have gone all out. Tasty versions of pomegranate jelly and other delicious delights compete with handmade crafts from wooden toys to Christmas decorations. And art work abounds. The rural town setting accentuates the welcoming vibe of the festival where one can wander for hours in serene happiness and down-to-earth friendly warmth. We already know—you will hate to go home, so stay a while longer! **November 6th and 7th** at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Lost City Museum's Native American Day is **November 14th** and is such a fun day that many return yearly to enjoy arts, crafts, lessons, and the sights and sounds of Native Americans sharing their culture and traditions with everyone.

The Moapa Tribal Plaza of the Moapa Band of Paiutes is host to the 24th Annual Southern Paiute Veterans Pow-wow on **November 7th and 8th** at Exit 75 on I-15, 20 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Traditional clothing accents the rituals and emotional undertone of this captivating event and it is an uplifting, beautiful experience to witness the traditions and culture of Native Americans. The public is welcome and invited to attend.



Veteran's Day in Moapa Valley is always celebrated on **November 11th** and starts out with a rousing small-town parade to honor veterans, especially those from this valley. The parade is followed by the Chamber of Commerce's free picnic in Overton Park.

In preparation for this year's parade, a group of 18 volunteers worked together to clean up the parade route to honor the Veterans by showing pride in them and the community they live in. The clean up included pulling weeds, cleaning the Welcome To Overton Sign, "Make A Difference Projects" and signage on the freeway and roads giving directions to Valley of Fire and Logandale Trails.



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Plenty to do in Moapa Valley in November, cont'd

If you are the adventurous sort, go hang out at Logandale Trails as one of the nation's premier OHV events, the infamous Hump n Bump is also held on the **6th and 7th**. This event is the perfect yang to the Pomegranate Festival's yin and enjoying both will make this a weekend to remember! Watching jeeps crawl up and over rocks, defy gravity, and navigate between huge boulders is a thrilling way to spend a few hours.



In February 2015, the Clark County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve an ordinance officially making Moapa Valley friendly to Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The Moapa Valley Revitalization Project was awarded a matching funds grant by the Nevada Department of Tourism to put on a biannual OHV event to celebrate the first ever Clark County OHV Friendly Community designation. The Moapa Valley OHV Roundup will focus on bringing visitors into the community where they can patronize local restaurants and businesses by riding their ATV's into town, participate in various activities and experience all the area has to offer.

The Moapa Valley OHV Roundup will take place November 13th and 14th. This Bi-Annual Event is FREE to attendees! The main staging for the event will be at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Logandale, NV, and various other activities will take place in Overton and Logandale.

**Moapa Valley
OHV Roundup**

November 13-15, 2015

FREE

Events for November – 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 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 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; Computer Logic 4:30 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 pm**
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Handicrafters; join crafting companions to share your knowledge and creativity, 10 am; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 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 pm; Crafternoon: youth & adults can make a new craft every week at 2 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 11** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board **For details call 702–397–2690 ***For details call 702–864–2438

Parks & Rec offers winter sport programs



Saturday, October 24th was the last day for the Clark County Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer season. Over 300 kindergarten to 8th graders participated this year. With the help of volunteer coaches and the support of parents several challenges due to the rapid growth of program were able to be overcome. Youth Soccer is great program not just because of its size, but also its ability to bring the community closer together.

Youth Flag Football will begin November 7th for Kindergarten to 5th graders. Games will be held Tuesday nights at the Logandale Sports

Complex. Thanks to parents for stepping up and volunteering to coach 18 different flag football teams!

Youth Volleyball will begin November 5th for 4th and 5th graders with weekly games on Thursday nights. 2nd and 3rd graders may participate in weekly volleyball clinics but will not have games. Thanks to volunteer coaches that will be coaching over 6 youth volleyball teams.

Article and photo courtesy of Elmer Lopez

Unbranded highlights the American West

We have never featured a movie review in Rural Connections before, but when a movie like *Unbranded* comes along it just warrants trying something new.

On the surface, *Unbranded* is a documentary about 4 young men just out of college that want to have one last wild adventure before they enter the “real” world. However, from the very first scene it is clear that the movie is so much more.

It is a love letter to the American West, a reminiscence of days gone by, a tale of friendship, struggle and survival, and a heartfelt look at the complex story of our public lands.

The film follows the 4 young men as they buy and train 16 wild mustangs and then take them on a 3,000 mile trek from Mexico, through 5 western states, to the border of Canada. Along the way they face many challenges, pass through amazingly beautiful landscapes, meet some interesting people, learn about themselves, and show the beauty and resilience of America’s wild horses. As in many other western states, the wild horse issue is particularly relevant here in Nevada. *Unbranded* presents a well-balanced view of this complicated and emotional issue – and manages not to place blame or vilify either side.

And, even if you just watch it just for the scenery and the horses, you won’t be disappointed.

Learn more about the story and how you can get the movie at <http://watch.unbrandedthefilm.com/>



Halloween Festivities in Indian Springs

Clark County Parks and Recreation and the Indian Springs Community came together to create a fun-filled Halloween Trunk or Treat event at the Community Center on Friday, October 31st. There was face painting, games activities, and plenty of frightful fun for everyone!



Mt. Charleston Fire District Fire Fighter Recruitment



The Mt. Charleston Fire District is conducting an open competitive recruitment to fill a current Firefighter I vacancy. Under general supervision, this position provides fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous material, search and rescue and wild land emergency responses. The position also participates in all emergency response, preventative maintenance, fire prevention activities and all company level training and performs all other duties as assigned by the Fire Captain or Fire Chief. For more information contact Fire Chief Jorge Gonzalez at jorge.gonzalez@clarkcountynv.gov or 702-872-5483

Winter Parking in Mt. Charleston & Lee Canyon

Lee Canyon (Hwy 156) is your best option. Open places include Lee Meadows, Sawmill Picnic Area, Bristlecone Trail for snowshoe hiking and various pullouts on Lee Canyon Road (Hwy 156) & Deer Creek Highway (Hwy 158). Roadside parking is **prohibited** between Lee Meadows and the Ski Resort in Lee Canyon (Hwy 156). Roadside parking is **prohibited** in Kyle Canyon (Hwy 157), except in designated areas, past the intersection of Hwy 157 and Deer Creek Hwy (Hwy 158).

Snow Play Safety Tips

- ❄ Consider wearing a helmet while sledding
- ❄ Make sure paths are clean and weather is good
- ❄ Never sled near roads or vehicles
- ❄ Avoid dangerous objects like large rocks and trees
- ❄ Be aware of others so you don't run into them! Sleds can reach speeds of up to 20 mph
- ❄ No sledding in areas with less than 12 inches of snow
- ❄ No snow play on private or "closed" areas



Register Now! FREE Wildland Fire Home Assessment Training – November 14

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Time: 9:00am – 2:30pm (11:30 – 12:30 lunch on your own)

Location: Mt. Charleston Library, 75 Ski Chalet Pl, Mt Charleston, NV 89124

Register at <https://wfap.wufoo.com/forms/nv-wildland-fire-assessment-program/>.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) in partnership with the Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District is excited to offer the Wildland Fire Assessment Program (WFAP).

About the Class

WFAP is a joint effort by the U.S. Forest Service and the NVFC to provide departments with training on how to properly conduct assessments for homes located in the wildland-urban interface. This is the first program targeted to volunteers that specifically prepares a firefighter or a non-operational department volunteer for how to conduct an assessment, what to look for during an assessment, as well as provides printed materials needed to help their community become more fire adapted. The course is a four-part, train-the-trainer series that covers understanding the WUI problem, identifying the zones, evaluating the home, and available resources.

About the Instructor



Steve McClintock has been in the fire service for over 35 years, including 10 years with a volunteer department. He is retired from Clark County Fire Department in Las Vegas, where he began as a firefighter and was promoted through the ranks of Engineer, Paramedic, and finished his career as Rural Coordinator. In the role of Rural Coordinator, Steve was in charge of 350 volunteers and covered 8,000 square miles. He has real compassion for volunteers and what they do for their community. Having been on a paid department, he finds it unbelievable how the volunteers have so much commitment. Steve is currently on a National Incident Management Team as an Operations Section Chief and has his own Type 3 Incident Management Team in Nevada. He is a past-President of the Nevada State Firefighter's Association and currently holds a position on the board of directors. Steve represents Nevada on the NVFC Board of Directors and is also an NVFC Executive Committee member. He lives in Henderson with his wife Marla and their five children.

Course materials and certificates of completion will be provided. The class is free and open to all department personnel wishing to learn more about WFAP. Registration is limited, so sign up today!

Questions? Email Lori Moon at lmooon@nvfc.org.



Supporting Those Who Serve



Events for November – 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
- **Saturday, November 14** – High Desert Seniors Thanksgiving pot luck and secret Santa draw at the Indian Springs Community Center, ALL over 50 years of age welcome, 3 – 5 pm
- **Thursday, November 12** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, November 11** – Thanksgiving 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
- **Tuesday, November 17** – NVEnergy will be hosting an informational meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center regarding upcoming development/changes to service in the area, 4:30 – 7 pm
- **Thursday, November 19** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**

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

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser



On Friday, November 20th, the Mt. Charleston Lodge will host a fundraiser dinner for the Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department. The event will begin at 5:00 pm with cocktails and the traditional holiday ham dinner and raffle drawings will start at 6:00 pm. The cost will be \$15 and all proceeds will benefit the Mt. Charleston VFD.

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

Early Snow Comes to Clark County

The first snowfall came early this year. Here are some views of the white stuff from around Clark County. Clockwise from upper right: Mountain Springs, over the pass coming out of Sandy Valley, Lee Canyon, Old Town Mount Charleston and Mount Charleston's Rainbow Subdivision.



Events for November – 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
- **Wednesday, November 4** – Mack Sennett: King of Comedy with *Fatty and Mabel Adrift* and several shorts by Keystone Studios and Mack Sennett, including a short cameo introduction, Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Thursday, November 5** – Local author and historian Shirin McGraham will share her book about Bullhead City history, including pictures and tales from her job with the *Bullhead City Bee* newspaper, Laughlin Library, 1 pm**
- **Thursday, November 5** – Board Game Night at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- **Friday, November 6** – eMedia Petting Zoo, Electronic Resources Library Kristine Segura will show how to navigate the Library’s eMedia collection with your electronic devices, Laughlin Library, 10:30 am**
- **Friday, November 6** – Movie at the Laughlin Library: *Pitch Perfect 2*, 2 pm**
- **Sunday, November 8** – Movie matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 10** – Local author Brenda Warneka will discuss methods to writing a memoir, Laughlin Library, 1 pm
- **Tuesday, November 10** – Laughlin TAB Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 11** – Nevada Master Gardeners: University of Nevada cooperative Extension will answer your questions about gardening in our challenging environment, Laughlin library, 10:30 am**
- **Thursday, November 12** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Friday November 20** – Movie at the Laughlin Library: *Jurassic World*, 2 pm**
- **Saturday, November 21** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm, Ages 5–11**
- **Thursday, November 19** – Alzheimer’s Educational Workshop at the Laughlin Library, 12 pm**
- **Thursday, November 19** – Mad Science: get messy while exploring how things work, ages 5–11, Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**



Final Auction!

9th Annual

SILVER RIDER WINE TASTING CHARITY SILENT AUCTION EVENT

Saturday, November 14, 2015

1 PM - 4 PM NV Time

Tropicana Laughlin - Pavilion Theater

**\$20.00
PER TICKET
In Advance**

**\$25.00
At the door
IF AVAILABLE**

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Call (702) 298-4435

For more information

- . Reserve a Table 10 chairs \$200.00**
- . 3 Cash Drawings one for \$200, one for \$300 and one for \$500**
- . You must be present to win**



All Proceeds Benefit Meals-On-Wheels, Senior Transit Programs, as well as Chemo/Dialysis/Transportation.

Southern Nevada Transit Coalition, a Nevada 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in June 2002, who provides public transportation in Laughlin, Boulder City, Mesquite, and surrounding rural communities; accepts contributions and donations which **may be tax deductible** pursuant to the provisions of section 170.c. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 170.c.