

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Buddy Bench Installed at Indian Springs School

As students returned to Indian Springs School last month, they noticed a new fixture had been added to the campus. The bright blue seat is a Buddy Bench. In 2013, a First Grader named Christian at Roundtown Elementary School in Pennsylvania came up with the idea of a place where students could go during recess if they were feeling lonely and needed a friend. Since then, the concept has grown and Buddy Benches in all colors, shapes, and sizes have been placed in school playgrounds around the world. At Indian Springs School, Heaven Martin was the first student to be “Caught Being Kind” this school year. She saw a younger child sitting on the new Buddy Bench and walked over and invited her to play. Congratulations, Heaven, for doing your part to “eliminate loneliness and foster friendship.”



National Forest Volunteers Receive Awards

Several Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest individual and group volunteers were recently honored by the U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Regional Office, Region 4 and two of the award recipients are from right here in Southern Nevada.

Enduring Service Volunteers & Service Award Recipient: For the past six years, Bob Grozenski has volunteered over 300 hours for the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. As a trail host with the “Go Mt Charleston” Volunteer Program, he hikes various trails across the National Recreation Area, contacting visitors and providing information on outdoor etiquette and “Leave No Trace” principles. He picks up trash, performs light trail maintenance, and renders first aid assistance when necessary. Additionally, Grozenski staffs the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway and assists with educational programs and guided hikes.



Citizen Stewardship & Partnerships Volunteers & Service Award Recipient:

The Bristlecone Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Nevada have supported numerous projects in the Spring Mountains, including rebuilding the south loop of the National Recreation Trail in the Mt. Charleston Wilderness Area which was destroyed by the Carpenter 1 Fire. Over a six month period of time, Back Country Horsemen volunteers provided the stock needed to carry equipment and supplies on thirteen different trips. Because most of the trail is in a wilderness area, which limits and/or prohibits motorized vehicles, the efforts of this organization were critical and enabled an early completion of the trail restoration while maintaining the wilderness character of the area.



27th Annual FARM FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Join us for our Annual FARM FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL. The festival activities will include antique tractor hay wagon rides, cow train for toddlers, pony rides and more. Visitors will find a large selection of specialty pumpkins and squash, along with artisanal breads, jams and jellies, local honey and our local farm-fresh eggs.

Our selection of pumpkins and squash is arguably the best in the entire Valley. At least a dozen of otherwise hard-to-find varieties – from minuscule to massive sizes – are available for decorating, carving and baking. We will have tons and tons of pumpkins and squash for our festival this year! You won't be able to find pumpkins like these anywhere else in or around Las Vegas. We take a lot of care in selecting the sizes, varieties and looks of the pumpkins that we offer, so they really are unique! Come check them out!

100% of proceeds from the FESTIVAL benefits BARN BUDDIES RESCUE, our 501(c)3 non-profit

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Farmer's Market: No Charge Festival Entry/Animals: \$5 Adults \$3 Children Concession/Rides: costs vary

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

7222 West Grand Teton Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89131.

For additional information and questions, please call 702-982-8000 or email Contact@thelasvegasfarm.com

THE LAS VEGAS FARM is not associated with the Gilcrease Orchard or Sanctuary

Events for September – Northwest

- **Tuesdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – Knit, Stitch and Crochet is a great opportunity for knitters, crocheters and other fiber artists to gather and share their projects & talk over ideas, 10 am
- **Weekdays at Indian Spring Elementary School** – After School Safekey Program. A recreational program for children in grades K–6. Participants must be at least 5 years of age or in kindergarten, through 13 years of age at the start of the school year in order to participate. After school until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per day per participant. For more information or to register your child, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room located next to the elementary school playground
- **Wednesdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – Coffee Talk: The doors will be open and the coffee will be on, so stop by for some good conversation, 10:30 am
- **Thursdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – The Pathway to Sobriety 12 Step Addiction Recovery Open Meeting, 6 to 7 pm, call 702–375–5758 for more information
- **Saturdays September 16, 23, and 30** – Indian Springs Youth Flag Football games at the High School Football Field. Games begin at 5pm. Support the kids by coming out to watch the games!
- **Thursday, September 14** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Friday, September 22** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center starting at 3 pm. A snack will be provided. \$1 per child.
- **Saturday, September 23** – High Desert Seniors Pancake Breakfast at the Indian Springs Community Center, 8 to 10 am.
- **Thursday, September 28** – Bingo at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, September 28** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

High Desert Seniors Welcomes New Members

The High Desert Seniors in Indian Springs continue to serve up breakfast at the Indian Springs Community Center. Come get your pancakes and sausage on Saturday, September 23rd from 8 to 10 am. And, while you are there, consider becoming a part of the group. New members that sign up will get a free ink pen with the logo on it. Current members and non-member supporters – the t-shirts have arrived! Cost is \$5 to HDSC members and \$10 for non-members. The shirt is being modeled in the picture to the right by the lovely Carolyn Thompson.



Events for September – Southwest

- **Mondays at the Keystone in Sandy Valley** – Free Low-Impact Yoga and Qigong, 9:30 am
- **Wednesdays at the Blue Diamond Library** – Blowin' off STEAM. Have fun with building sets! Ages 6 – 11, 3 pm
- **Tuesday, September 12** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 9** – 5th Competition in the Sandy Valley Play Day Association Series, sign ups at 9 and ride starts at 10 at the Keystone Center
- **Saturday, September 16** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Tuesday, September 26** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, September 27** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

Calling All Artists – New Library Card Design Contest

The Las Vegas–Clark County Library District is looking for new designs for its library cards! Create an original drawing or design that reflects what the library means to you!

Starting September 1st, pick up an entry packet at your local library or download the packet from www.lvccld.org. Participants are encouraged to post their creations on their own social media channels, tagging the Library District with the hashtag: #GetCarded. Completed entry packets must be received by Saturday, September 30, 2017, before midnight. Entries will then be posted on the Library's Facebook page for voting by the public. The categories are: Children ages 0-11; Teens ages 12-17 and Adults ages 18+. Winning artwork will be used to create the 2017-2018 library cards for the Las Vegas–Clark County Library District. For more details and all of the rules visit: <http://www.lvccld.org/contest/>



Moapa Valley Teen Wins Rodeo Princess Title in Utah

Logandale youth, Graceann Erickson, daughter of Randy and Stacy Erickson, was crowned Great American Stampede Rodeo Princess earlier this month in Cedar City, Utah. For this title she was awarded a crown, sash, and a new saddle.

Graceann will have the honor of representing the Great American Stampede Rodeo Princess title at the Southern Utah University Rodeo on September 8 –9. There she will help the kids with mutton busting, push roping stock to the end of the arena, and of course ride around the arena with a big smile and wave at the beginning of the rodeo. She will also attend rodeos in Iron County, Gunlock, Enterprise, and Parowan throughout the course of her reining year. She will also participate in a number of parades and visit with the crowds.



Erickson competed against 2 other girls for the Princess title and did very well, winning the modeling, speech, interview with the judges, and impromptu categories. Graceann explained that the impromptu allows the contestant's personality to show through. On stage, each contestant is asked two questions that she must answer off the top of her head.

Graceann moved here with her family about two years ago from Las Vegas and enjoys participating in reining shows and barrel racing at the local gymkhanas.



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Moapa Valley Performing Arts Council

Moapa Valley Performing Arts Council is a non-profit community organization whose purpose is to foster the awareness, understanding and appreciation of a broad spectrum of the performing arts among all the people of Moapa Valley. They began their 2017–2018 season with the Moapa Valley Talent Showcase at the Ron Dalley Theatre at Moapa Valley High School on August 28th.



The season continues on September 25th with a performance by FOG: Fat Old Guys Entertainment, an a cappella quartet that brings a comedic take on classic rock from the likes of Aerosmith and Three Dog Night—drum sets, guitar licks, and all—with humanity's very first instrument: the human voice. They have shared the stage with Grammy award winning performers and played to packed stadiums, but FOG's favorite place to perform is to Small-Town USA. 7:00 p.m. in the Ron Dalley Theatre at MVHS. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students, and \$30 for a family pass.



Events for September – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids: Early literacy skills for ages 3–5 at 11:15 am
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Mousers: Computer time for ages 2–5 at 11:15 am; Anime Otaku Club at 2:30 pm; LEGO Club for ages 6–11, 4 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Stay and Play for parents and children 0–5 at 11:15 am
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots for ages 0–3 at 11:15 am; Discovery Lab exploration of science for ages 6–11, 4 pm
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Move and Groove for ages 0–5 at 11:15 am; Teen Space at 2:30 pm
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on at 12 noon; Crafternoon at 2 pm
- **Saturday, September 2** – English Language Discussion Group at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Wednesday, September 13** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, September 16** – Shakespeare Reading Party at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Tuesday, September 26** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, September 28** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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International Talk Like A Pirate Day – September 19, 2017



In 1995, a couple of guys from Albany, Oregon named John and Mark (aka Cap'n Slappy and Ol'Chumbucket) were playing racquetball at their local YMCA. They began insulting each other in pirate speak and the idea of a holiday began. September 19, 2002 was officially the first year that Talk Like A Pirate Day was celebrated. After being interviewed in Australia, Ireland, and other far flung locations, the guys decided that it had reached the level of an international holiday. There aren't a lot of rules to celebrating the day, just throw some piratical terms into your speech, like "Shiver Me Timbers" and "Arrgh" and periodically threaten to make someone "Walk the Plank" and you are set! To learn more (and have a few laughs) check out their website:

<http://talklikeapirate.com/wordpress/>



www.publiclandsday.org

National Public Lands Day

Fun and activities for the whole family!

- Arts & Crafts
- Treasure Hunt
- Hikes → Fishing

10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
 Join a ranger for an interactive talk about the local history of the Colorado River and the construction of Davis Dam.



Saturday, Sept. 30
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Colorado River Heritage
Greenway Park and Trails

For more information, please call 702-293-8970

Park entrance located off of Davis Dam Road and State Route 163, Laughlin, Nevada



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Events for September – Southeast

- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club at 4 pm, Ages 5–11
- **Tuesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Club Tuesdays, a wide variety of crafts, art, games, stories, and STEM activities for ages 5–11, 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, September 3** – Movie Matinee, Boss Baby, at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, September 12** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, September 13** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Saturday, September 9** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 3 pm**
- **Saturday, September 16** – Saturday Readers Book Club at the Laughlin Library, Call 702–507–4063 for book titles and more information. 11 am**
- **Wednesday, September 20** – Laughlin Master Gardeners at the Laughlin Library, 10 am**
- **Tuesday, September 19** – Celebrate Pirate Day at the Laughlin Library, ages 5–11, 4:30 pm**
- **Thursday, September 28** – Adult Coloring at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm**

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Laughlin Water Resource Center Wins Gold For 4th Year

Congratulations to the Clean Water Team at the Laughlin Water Resource Center! For the 4th consecutive year, they received the Gold award at the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Awards. The program recognizes NACWA–member agency facilities for excellence in wastewater treatment as measured by their compliance with their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The Team achieved 100% compliance for the entire calendar year making them one of only 158 treatment facilities in the entire country to have that stellar record. The Laughlin Water

Resource Center began operations in 1985. Nearly 2 million gallons of wastewater is collected each day utilizing more than 35 miles of pipeline and the highly treated reclaimed water is then returned to the Colorado River.

