

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Moapa Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July – A Full Day of Fun



Moapa Valley had been feeling the heat of summer over the past few weeks. But the sun took a break for the 4th of July Celebration, giving overcast skies and bringing the temperature down just a few degrees for this one of a kind community event held at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

The events of the day started at 7:00 am with the flag raising ceremony. Members of area Boy Scout troops, and the local Girl Scout troop, lined both sides of the walkway as the honor guard presented the flag.

The Kids Patriotic Parade was a new activity this year and featured about 75 children who decorated bicycles, wagons, strollers and even themselves to march in the patriotic display. They marched through the crowd waving and smiling as they made a big loop around the fairgrounds. Following the parade, the kids lined up for the candy grab, sponsored by the Clark County Parks & Recreation.

The water games, organized by the Parks & Rec “Leaders of the Future” included a slip ‘n slide, wading pools, a relay race, and a game called drip drip splash. When the games concluded, the Volunteer Fire Department trucks showed up for a water fight. Chaos ensued as the firemen sprayed their hoses into the air over a delighted crowd of both kids and adults.

Later in the evening, members of the VFW post retired the flag in a community ceremony. Then it was time for the community dinner organized by the Chamber of Commerce with volunteers and generous donations from local groups and businesses. As the evening went on, folks set up chairs and blankets in anticipation of the firework display. While they waited for it to get dark, local artists entertained the crowd with singing and dancing. Finally, the fireworks began. The audience oohed and aahed over colorful explosions. It was the perfect end to the celebration.

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## Moapa Valley Businesses Show Their Patriotic Spirit

Every year the Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 4th of July “Show Your Spirit” event. Local businesses are invited to decorate their buildings and this year over 20 businesses participated. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners each receive a tile plaque to keep for permanent display at their place of business. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners also have their name added to the “traveling plaque” which they proudly display for a year. All other participating businesses receive a certificate. This year’s winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Glendale am/pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Karen Alsum's Farmer's Insurance, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Moapa Valley Water District.



## Long Term Public Works Employee Celebrated

Gratitude for years of service was the highlight of the Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board meeting on July 15th as Clint Young retired from the Public Works Department of Clark County. Clint has been serving the public since 1989 and specifically has supervised the areas of Moapa, Moapa Valley and Bunkerville since 2006. With only a crew of 3 employees, Clint was able to perform the maintenance duties needed to keep the area well organized. He is known within the Road Division and in the community as a hard worker who is always willing to share his knowledge with anybody and for building great relationships with the residents, the town board and emergency agencies.

Clint was Clark County’s first responder when the major flood event in 2014 hit the Moapa area. He and his crew organized many of the repairs to the County infrastructure during this time and was also the liaison to the residents, Indian reservation and EOC. He was involved in the damage assessment to the Logandale levee and played an important part in the repair process. In appreciation for his work during that time, Clark County Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu presented Clint with a medallion that is usually only given to fire fighters.

A man of few words, Clint was deeply moved by the presentation and the residents in attendance were happy to show Clint how much they appreciated his leadership, service, and commitment throughout his many years at the county.

Clint is known as a family man with 2 daughters and 1 son serving in the military. He is a proud grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren. He and his wife Gala will be moving onto their new property in Oregon, where they plan on fishing and watching their grandchildren grow up.



## Summer Program Participants Have Fun While Developing Skills

This summer Parks and Recreation presented the Leaders of the Future Program for teens aged 13 – 17 to build communication, leadership, and employment skills through weekly training and volunteering in parks and recreation activities. The group provided a great deal of help getting ready for the community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. They spread the candy for the candy drop, set up waterslides, and ran water games for the participants. As a reward for their hard work all summer, the group will be attending Camp Lee Canyon for 3 days where they will network and building relationships with Leaders of the Future participants from all around Clark County. They will participate in the ropes course, mountain biking, archery, and other activities.

Logandale's Painting with Acrylics class ended on July 22nd. The participants had a great time prepping their own canvases, sketching their paintings, creating a color wheel and painting their creations. The class only used primary colors, black and white to create their paintings. It was a very creative group and they learned a lot about mixing colors to create the colors they needed on their palettes.



*Article & photos courtesy of Elmer Lopez*

## Soldier Receives Warm Welcome to Moapa Valley



On Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, over 200 residents lined Moapa Valley Blvd, waving flags and shouting thank-you to a soldier they had never met before. Josh Hallacy's parents had moved to Moapa Valley about 18 months ago and mom, Holly Hallacy, had posted on Facebook some heartfelt thoughts about patriotism and showing those that serve in the military how much we appreciate their sacrifices and service. From that post, people started insisting Holly let them know PRECISELY when Josh would be arriving in the valley, and thus an almost spontaneous community get-together happened. Families lined the main street dressed in red, white, and blue, waving flags, and welcoming Josh Hallacy home. Josh served 11 years in the Army with 2 tours of duty in Afghanistan and another 2 tours in Iraq. Josh's dad rushed to meet him at the freeway exit, saying 'you better change into your uniform.' Josh and his parents were astonished at this unplanned outpouring of gratitude, respect, and patriotic pride.

*Article courtesy of Elise McAllister, Photos courtesy of the Moapa Valley Progress*

## Events for August – Northeast

- **Tuesday, August 4** – SuperKids Story Time at the Moapa Valley Library, Ages 0–5, 11:15 am\*\*
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use at 3 pm\*\*
- **Tuesdays at the Bunkerville Library** – Boredom Buster Box at 2 pm, kids will sign up for a mystery box filled with puzzles, games and more
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer topics: learn about aspects of computer use at 11:15 am; Software, Internet & email Topics at 3 pm; Computer Programming – learn more about programming, game design & more at 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays at the Bunkerville Library** – Pre-School Storytime at 2 pm
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Reading Buddies 11:00 am to 1 pm; LEGO Quest: complete a challenge using the LEGOs provided for ages 8+ at 4 to 5:15 pm\*\*
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Youth Book Club, grades 2–5, 12:15 to 12:45 pm; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 to 3 pm, Grades 6 and up; \*\*
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Young @ Heart Book Club, grades 6 and up, 10:15 am; Game on: a game group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play 12 – 1:30 pm; Crafternoon: youth and adults welcome to make a new craft every week at 2 – 3 pm\*\*
- **Friday, August 7** – Every Hero Has A Story, all ages, 11:15 am;
- **Saturday, August 8 & 22** – Ewe & Eye Love to Knit and Crochet at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am\*\*
- **Wednesday, August 12** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, August 15** – Youth soccer registration begins, Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Saturday, August 15** – Cover 2 Cover Book Club: fun discussion about a different book every month complete with treats & beverages at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am\*\*
- **Tuesday, August 25** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, August 27** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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

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](mailto:meggan@clarkcountynv.gov) or 702-455-0341

# MCFD assumes fire protection duties at Mt. Charleston



Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of a new era for the Mt. Charleston community when the newly created Mt. Charleston Fire District (MCFD) officially assumed all-risk fire protection duties from the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF). A ceremony commemorating the occasion was held in front of the fire station near the top of Kyle Canyon Road. Clark County Commissioner Larry Brown conducted the ceremony which included several notable speakers including Congressman Crescent Hardy and State Assemblyman James Oscarson. Nevada State Forester/ Firewarden Bob Roper thanked Chief Jorge Gonzalez and his crew for their years as firefighters with NDF and wished them all the best in their new positions with MCFD. Chief Gonzalez and Commissioner Brown ended the event by unveiling the new MCFD logo, uniform patch design and sign above the bay doors of the station.

Since the 1960s, all-risk fire protection (including vehicle accident response, medical calls, structure fires, recreational accidents, etc.) at Mt. Charleston had been provided by NDF crews in cooperation with the Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department MCVFD. In 2011, the Governor proposed to eliminate all-risk duties throughout the state in order for NDF to focus solely on wildland fire protection. Since that time, Clark County had been in negotiations with the State on the continuation of NDF emergency services and then the eventual transfer of duties. After much research and consideration, it was decided that the best way to provide the

needed emergency services for the residents of Mt. Charleston and the 2 million visitors to the mountain each year, was to create the Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District. On April 7, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners voted to officially create the District as an independent entity that receives its funding from Clark County and oversight by the Board of County Commissioners, but is not a County department. Then, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Jorge Gonzalez was appointed as the Chief. The transfer of duties that happened on July 1<sup>st</sup> was the result of years of hard work and commitment by the State of Nevada, Clark County, NDF, the Mt. Charleston community and the firefighters themselves. Chief Gonzalez and his crew, along with the MCVFD, look forward to continuing to protect the Mt. Charleston area, residents and visitors.



# Indian Springs Youth Show Their Warrior Spirit

Indian Springs VFD Station 83 hosted its first Warrior competition on July 2 – 3. It was a timed event with 10 different obstacles, including army belly crawl through mud, tire flipping, rope climbing, and running the track. Volunteers supervised each obstacle and traveled with each competitor through the course to keep track of their time. Over 30 kids participated in 4 age groups. Congratulations to all of the winners and a huge thank you too all of the participants and volunteers!



### High School:

- 1st – Hailey Linfoot
- 2nd – Taylor Hickman
- 3rd – Alex Golly

### Middle School:

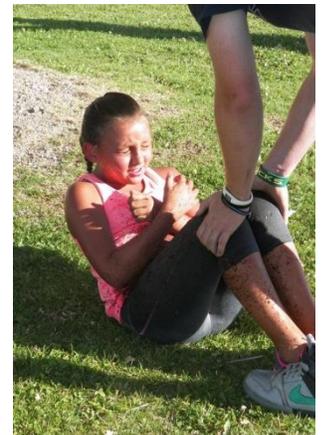
- 1st – Anthony Cachu
- 2nd – Patrick Young
- 3rd – Aubree Young

### 3rd – 5th Grade:

- 1st – Selena Cachu
- 2nd – Celina Pena
- 3rd – Matthew DiGregorio

### K–2nd Grade:

- 1st– Elizabeth Vaughn
- 2nd – Robyn DiGregorio
- 3rd – Minnie Giarla



## Events for August – Northwest

- **Tuesdays & Wednesdays** – Summer Open Recreation at the Indian Springs Community Center, access to the Wii and the X-Box 360, Pool Table, Ping Pong Table, Air Hockey, Basketball Game, and Several Card and Board Games. 1:30 – 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am\*\*
- **Wednesdays** – Knitting & Crochet group at the Mt. Charleston library, 12 pm
- **Monday – Friday** – Summer Day Camp at the Indian Springs Community Center – campers will be making crafts, playing games, have free time at open rec, watch movies, water play, archery every Wednesday and a trip to the pool every Thursday. 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Cost: \$14 per day or \$65 per week\*\*
- **Thursday, August 13** – Indian Springs TAB\* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, August 27** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older\*\*
- **Thursday, August 27** – Mt. Charleston TAB\* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

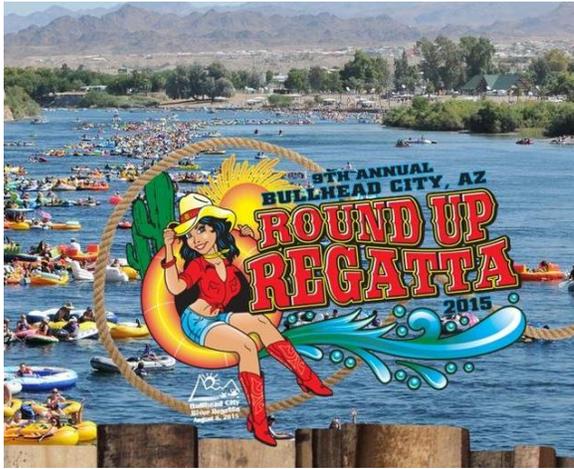
\*TAB = Town Advisory Board \*\*For information, contact Teresa Hazel at 702-879-3890

## Patriotism on Parade in Indian Springs

The Indian Springs Annual Parade was held July 4th starting at 4:00 pm. The 16 entries were judged in three categories. The winners were: Best Theme – The Patriot Group; Judges Choice – Vaughn Family Semi; and Most Creative – ISVFD Station 83 Warrior/Pageant Float. The parade ended at Indian Springs Community Park to kick off the Fourth of July Celebration. There was a wonderful barbeque, music, water games, vendors and displays.



## Beat the Heat With A Float Down the Colorado River



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado River Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 8. This year's Old West theme will invite thousands of fun-loving Cowboy and Cowgirl water enthusiasts to adorn inner tubes, floats, kayaks and decorative, non-motorized barges for a colorful drift down the Colorado River.

Registration opened May 1, 2015. Must register to float. Official wristbands and life vests required. For registration and information visit: <http://www.bullheadregatta.com/>

- Dates: Aug 07, 2015 – Aug 09, 2015
- Times: August 8, 2015: Launching will begin at 7 AM through 1 PM. You can launch from Davis Camp or Community Park and the event ends at Rotary Park, in Bullhead City, AZ. To avoid long lines, arrive early!
- Location: Colorado River
- Venue: Colorado River. Several Laughlin hotels will offer transportation to the launch sites, and pre-float and/or post-float parties to add to the weekend's merriment of this 9TH annual event.



## Horseback Riding Will Return in September



The horses have been moved to a cooler climate for the summer. Horseback riding will be back in the saddle again in the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails in mid-September.

For more information call 702-701-1227 or visit [info@potagoldstables.com](mailto:info@potagoldstables.com)

## Laughlin & Searchlight to Celebrate National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7th, 1984. That first year, 2.5 million neighbors took part across 400 communities in 23 states. What began as neighbors coming outside, locking their doors and turning their front porch lights on to meet one another became an annual community-building to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. National Night Out now involves over 38.1 million people and 16,540 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

### LAUGHLIN'S 2015 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT LAUGHLIN AQUATIC CENTER POOL

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3th, 2015 - 6PM TO 8PM**

**Silver Rider offering FREE Rides to the event!!**

Bring a towel and your beach chair and join local law enforcement and other community members for food, fun and games!!



### SEARCHLIGHT'S 2015 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SEARCHLIGHT PARK

**TUESDAY AUGUST 4th, 2015 - 6PM TO 8PM**

Please come join local law enforcement and other community members for food, fun and games!!

## Events for August – 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
- **Tuesdays at the Laughlin Senior Center** – Quilting, Knitting & Crocheting 9 – 11 am; Pinochle 10 am – 2 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Family Storytime at 4:30 pm, Ages 0–5
- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Senior Center** – Hand & Foot Canasta/Open Recreation 9 am – 4 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club at 4 pm, Ages 5–11
- **Thursdays at the Laughlin Senior Center** – Mah Jong 10 am – 2 pm; Bridge 12:30 pm – 4 pm
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **Saturdays at the Laughlin Senior Center** – Open Recreation 9 am – 2 pm
- **Saturday, August 1** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm, Ages 5–11\*\*
- **Thursday, August 6** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Thursday, August 6** – Trivia Night at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*
- **Friday, August 7 & 21** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, August 9** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, August 11** – American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Laughlin Library, 1 pm
- **Saturday, August 15** – End of Summer Reading Celebration at the Laughlin Library, Ages 0–11, 3 pm
- **Tuesday, August 11** – Laughlin TAB Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, August 12** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm

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## Exhibit at the Laughlin Library Gallery

Roberto Rico presents his current work, *Puertas Y Ventanas–The Portals of San Miguel*, in which he uses a variety of mediums including graphite, charcoal, oil, acrylic, mixed media and pastels to capture colonial times in san Miguel de Allende, Mexico. The art will be on exhibit at the Laughlin Library Galley through Saturday, September 19.

# Sandy Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



## Events for August – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, August 4** – Open Rec at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 1 pm
- **Friday, August 7** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Old Fashioned Potluck, bring a dish to share, 1:00 pm
- **Saturday, August 8** – End of Summer Fun at the Sandy Valley Community Center including popcorn, snow cones and a bounce house, 10 am
- **Tuesday, August 11** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, August 11** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, August 12** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, August 15** – 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
- **Tuesday, August 25** – Goodsprings CAC\* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, August 26** – Red Rock CAC\* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Saturday, August 29** – Sandy Valley Farmer’s Market and Swap Meet at the Keystone, 10 am to 2 pm, for more information: [thesccg@gmail.com](mailto:thesccg@gmail.com) or call Kat at 702-813-4140 or Amanda at 702-723-8054

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

## Learn More About the County at Neighborhood College

Clark County’s Neighborhood College is seeking residents interested in learning how County government works to better serve their neighborhoods and the community. Neighborhood College is a free, eight-week program of interactive workshops and hands-on learning experiences conducted for Clark County residents by subject matter experts from various County departments. Session topics will include, but are not limited to, Government 101, transportation, health, human and community services, public and neighborhood safety, public works, civic engagement and code enforcement.

The class starts on Sept. 21 and will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays for eight weeks at the Clark County Government Center. Each night will begin with an informal “Power Hour” from 5 to 6 p.m. for networking.

“The County’s Neighborhood College program is a great way for residents to learn more about the inner workings of the County government and the issues we deal with every day,” Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak said. “I encourage anyone interested in learning about government to apply.”

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31. Class size is limited to 28 students, so interested citizens are encouraged to apply soon.

To apply visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNVTG96> or download the application from the County website, then fax it to 702-455-3211 email it to Tyrone Thompson at [tyt@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:tyt@clarkcountynv.gov) or mail it to Clark County Organizational Development Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155

## Rural Road Trip of the Month: Spring Mountain Ranch

If you are looking for a place to get a little bit of a break from the summer heat, then Spring Mountain Ranch State Park may be the perfect destination. Located 15 miles west of Las Vegas, the 520 acre oasis features many recreational opportunities including picnicking, hiking, tours, historic buildings, and nature study. At 3,800 feet, the ranch is about 10–15 degrees cooler than the Las Vegas Valley.

Since the 1830's the site has been a spring-fed oasis used by outlaws, travellers along the Spanish Trail, American mountain men, Ute Indians, celebrities and businessmen. The ranch, under the name of Sandstone Ranch, was listed on the United States National Register of Historic Places on April 3, 1976. Today you can visit many historic sites on the property including the main ranch house, Wilson cemetery, sandstone cabin, blacksmith's shop, hay and horse barn/corral, a two-hole outhouse and a chinchilla shed. Guided tours of the historic sites are available. Volunteers can tell you about the history of the main ranch house and its famous inhabitants including Howard Hughes and German Actress Vera Krupp. Be sure to walk around the outside of the house to get a glimpse of the secret room!



Many events are held at the Ranch throughout the year. From May through September, Super Summer Theatre presents plays and musicals in the evening. The performances are held on the outdoor stage with the audience sitting on blankets and lawnchairs. ([www.supersummertheatre.org](http://www.supersummertheatre.org)) Living History programs give participants at taste of the past. These events include costumed role playing, demonstrations and re-enactments of historic. Visitors can take part in the Civil War Experience on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm when they can try on uniforms, learn to march and drill in formation, see historic weapons and take part in a skirmish with other visitors. Another way to experience the area is on a Ranger Led Night Hike. The next one will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 8 pm. A ranger will lead the group to Sandstone Canyon.

This month the park is introducing a new family event called Water on the Meadow on August 2, 8, 22 & 30 from 1pm to 3 pm. Park staff will roll out a 50-foot slip 'n slide on the picnic meadow and turn on the sprinklers. Water from the 6 springs that provide water to the ranch will provide the opportunity for kids of all ages to play in the water and cool off from the summer heat. Park Rangers will also offer an interactive program about water conservation in Las Vegas both past and present. Entry to the park is \$10 per vehicle, or \$7 for those with NV driver's licenses.

For more information about the park, upcoming events and directions visit <http://parks.nv.gov/parks/spring-mountain-ranch-state-park/>