

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Logandale Trails Hits the Ground Running in 2016

Logandale Trails, just west of Moapa Valley, has been busy lately! On January 16th, the Las Vegas based Calico Racing sponsored the first ever marathon in Logandale Trails. The 200 runners ran through the area which is primarily recognized as a trails system for ATVs, jeeps, etc. Their route included the informal and primitive camping area of Logan Wash and then depending on the length of the event, paths diverged along other trails, but all runners had to come back up the 'big hill' to complete the event.

Volunteers from the Moapa Valley Rotary Club have been busy in the trails system too, especially in preparation for the marathon race. "We wanted the usual folks who come to ride the trails system to know that there would be runners out here this weekend," stated Denise Anderson, Rotarian Volunteer Coordinator. "So we went around to the campers and trail riders informing them of the upcoming event. Everyone seemed very happy to see others enjoying the trails system." Elise McAllister, Administrator for Partners In Conservation (PIC) who has an Assistance Agreement with the BLM to manage and administer Logandale Trails said, "The Moapa Valley Rotary Club are super involved with all things in our community. They are so people-friendly, we asked them to be our Ambassadors for Logandale Trails. They routinely drive through the trails system, visiting with folks, handing out local goodie bags to highlight our local businesses that include maps, water, trash bags, and special treats. They are amazing!"

Late winter, early spring is the perfect time to visit the Logandale Trails system. Maps and information can be found at <http://www.logandaletrails.com/> and their Facebook page contains up-to-date information like weather reports, volunteer events, and fun activities. You can also contact Elise at Itsinfo@mvdsl.com. Ask for the 2016 Logandale Trails calendar—it is all about the trails system and available free, just ask!



Events for February – 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**
- **Mondays*** 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, February 10** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, February 23** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, February 25** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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

Moapa Valley Community Center Gets a Facelift

Thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Kirkpatrick and her Liaison Janice Ridondo, and input from the Moapa Valley Revitalization Project, the Moapa Valley Community Center recently got a whole new look. During her first visit to the building, the Commissioner was disappointed at the old, bland appearance of the facility. She wanted the gathering place of the community to be updated and more inviting. The MVRP was consulted on the new color scheme and opted for desert tones rather than any of the various shades of white that were originally proposed. This is just the first of many ideas that Commissioner Kirkpatrick hopes to implement to showcase the community and bring its appearance back in line with its rich history.



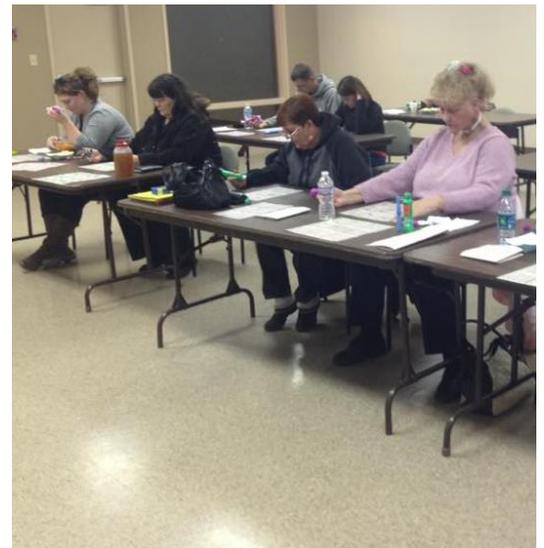
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Events for February – Northwest

- **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
- **Wednesday, February 3** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3:30 pm
- **Saturday, February 13** – Valentine’s Day/Mardis Gras themed pot luck for the High Desert Seniors at the Indian Springs Community Center
- **Wednesday, February 17** – A presentation on “How To Build A Balanced and Well Centered Life” will take place during the weekly coffee talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 11 am
- **Thursday, February 11** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, February 17**– Movie and Craft Day at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3 pm
- **Thursday, February 25** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, February 25** – Mt. Charleston TAB* Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7pm

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BINGO fun at the Indian Springs Community Center



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Events for February – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Every Wednesday** – 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.**
- **Tuesday, February 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, February 9** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 10** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn. Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, February 14** – “We love the Sandy Valley Fire Department” dinner at the Sandy Valley Senior Center. All proceeds will benefit the SVVFD. 3 pm until the food runs out or 6 pm, whichever comes first
- **Saturday, February 20** – 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
- **Tuesday, February 23** – Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 24** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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

Park a Memorial to a Beloved Sandy Valley Resident

Linda Drake seemed to have a mission in life – to make the world, and specifically her little corner of it, a better and more beautiful place. Now, that wish is coming true, with the establishment of the Linda Drake Memorial Park at the Keystone Enrichment Foundation. The Keystone hosts a wide variety of community events ranging from the Little Britches Rodeo to the Monthly Swap Meet & Farmer’s Market to High School Football games to 4-H and Continuing Education Programs. Now, amongst all of the activity that takes place at the facility, there will be a lovely, peaceful place for people to gather, relax and enjoy the area. The first step, completed last fall, was to clear the area, install a sprinkler system and lay sod. Recently, the area has been fenced, trellises added, and green and red grapes planted that will eventually cover the entries. Even now, with the cold of winter, the space is pretty, but as the improvements continue and the weather warms up, it will only grow in beauty.



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Events for February – 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, February 11** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, February 9** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 10** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Sunday, February 21** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm
- **Sunday, February 21 – Saturday, May 7** – An exhibit of the Works of B. Matlaf’s pastel aerial landscapes will be presented at the Laughlin Library
- **Wednesday, February 24** – Managing New Seasons: How to Build a Balanced and Wellness Centered life presentation at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Saturday, February 27** – Children’s craft at the Laughlin library, ages 5–11, 3 pm**

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UTV World Championship to be held in Laughlin

From Thursday, February 18th through Saturday, February 20th, Laughlin will host the Polaris RZR UTV World Championship. This Best In The Desert (BITD) sanctioned event will take place on the rugged desert area of the Laughlin Events Park, providing a challenging 17 mile course for all racers. This championship race is for UTVs, Motorcycles & Quads and features a Pro-UTV, Unlimited and Sportsman class desert race in the morning, Youth Production 170 class championship at noon and a world class Production UTV short course championship race in the afternoon. Additional events will include a Family Fun Poker Run, Tech & Contingency Event, Polaris RZR Experience Demo Rides, Kickoff Party, Wrap Party and Awards Celebration. For additional information, visit <http://bitd.com/>. The event will run from 8 am to 5 pm each day and viewing is free to the public. The Laughlin Event Center Race lot is located at the Northeast corner of Bruce Woodbury Dr. and Thomas Edison Dr. in Laughlin.

