

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Moapa Valley Days to host a variety of events

Moapa Valley Days will take place March 13–14, 2015 in Moapa Valley, NV. This annual event provides a wide range of activities for locals and visitors, and has drawn the community together to make it a success. Activities will include:

Moapa Valley Wide Yard Sale: This annual event is organized by the Moapa Valley Rotary Club and has grown each year since the first Valley Wide Yard Sale in 2009. That first event featured just 9 yard sales, and last year's event featured 46 locations! A map will be available online for attendees to download and print.



Classic Car Cruise In: This annual event is organized by the Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce and takes place in Overton Park on Virginia Ave. Along with lots of classic cars to view, the event also features Raffles, an Automotive Swap Meet, Karaoke, Vendor and Food Booths, Zumbathon, and plenty of family fun.

Street Fair: The Wild Horse Gallery will host a "Street Fair" in the parking lot of their store at 289 S. Moapa Valley Boulevard in downtown Overton. The fair will offer Crafts, Merchandise Booths, Cowboy Poetry, Art Collections and more. On Friday, March 13th the Buffalo Soldiers will be demonstrating and talking about their history from 4:30 to 6:30 pm followed by Cowboy Poetry from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Buffalo Soldiers will also have a booth all day at the street fair on Saturday the 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To reserve a space or get more information, contact Mary Kaye at wildhorse.gallery@yahoo.com



5K Zombie Run: The Moapa Valley High School JAG* Career Association is hosting the Run For Your Life! Zombie 5K on Friday, March 13th at 7 pm at the Clark County Fairgrounds. There are lots of crevices for zombies to lurk in as the course winds through the fairgrounds. Participants can run as a zombie or a citizen. Get your zombie on – there will be a make-up artist on hand from 4–6 pm on race day for a

410 donation. *JAG focuses on preparing young people for college, the workplace, and/or military. JAG students are raising awareness for "Staying Undead" the Nevada "Zero Teen Fatalities" Safe Driving Campaign and raising money for service projects and opportunities for JAG Students. For more information and to register for the race visit: <http://www.active.com/logandale-nv/running/distance-running-races/run-for-your-life-5k-zombie-run-2015>

For more information about all of the Moapa Valley Days events and activities, visit: <http://moapavalleychamber.com/event/moapa-valley-days-2015/>

Events for March – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tutoring & Homework help: free assistance with homework, scholarships, college & job applications, writing & reviewing essays for grades K – college from 1 – 5 pm**
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use at 3 pm**
- **Tuesdays** – Basketball Open Gym at the Moapa Valley High School, 8 – 10 pm
- **Wednesdays** – Women’s Boxing class at the Moapa recreation center, 9 – 10 am
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer topics: learn about aspects of computer use at 3 pm; Computer Programming – learn more about programming, game design & more at 4:30 pm**
- **Wednesdays at the Bunkerville Library** – Weekly Storytime: stories, songs and a craft, 2 pm, ages 3–5
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tot Storytime: songs & stories for ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am; LEGO Quest: complete a challenge using the LEGOs provided for ages 8+ at 4 pm**
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Baby Lapsit: Songs, fingerplays and Rhymes for babies 0–18 months; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative bring your own snacks, from 1:30 to 3 pm, Grades 6 and up; Read with Me: one on one reading practice for ages 3+ from 3 – 5:30 pm; Creative Exploration Lab: hands on exploration of science, technology, art & nature for ages 6–11 at 4 pm**
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on: a game group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play at 12 pm; Crafternoon: all ages welcome to make a new craft every week at 2 pm**
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Senior Shopping trip from the Overton Senior Center & Robin’s Nest to the Walmart in Mesquite, 11 am – 4 pm
- **Thursday, March 12** – Parks and Rec. Coach Appreciation Day: BBQ, games and awards for the coaches and their families at the Fine Arts building at the Fairgrounds, 4 – 8 pm
- **Saturday, March 14 & 28** – Ewe & Eye Love to Knit and Crochet at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am**
- **Saturday, March 21** – 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, March 31** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 2** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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

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

State Champion Pirates Brave the Zipline Experience

The undefeated Moapa Valley High School Football Team beat Desert Pines High School to win the Division I-A State High School Football Championships on November 22, 2014. To celebrate their achievement, Awesome Adventures treated the players and their coach, Brent Lewis, to a Zipline Experience at the facility in Overton. They all had a great time and the Zipline guides stated that it was the first time they had heard football players scream in fear! Congratulations guys!



Moapa Valley History on the Chamber of Commerce Blog



The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce has added a blog to their website! Local community members will be submitting articles about the history of the area, including the early settlement by LDS pioneers, St. Thomas history, and more. Below is an excerpt from “Moapa Valley History” written by Elise McCallister, the full story can be read here:

<http://moapavalleychamber.com/moapa-valley-history/>

“Moapa Valley is really the best of both worlds, a fertile valley dotted with idyllic small towns along a meandering desert river and a centralized location from which one can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities in a multitude of settings—water, springs, trails, rocks, sand, washes, 4-wheeling, rock crawling, rolling hills, sand buggies, wilderness mountains, parks, fishing, museums, ATVs, wildlife areas, hundreds of miles of dirt roads, hiking, mountain biking, zip lines, January temperatures in the 60s, over 300 days of sunshine a year, swimming, bird hunting, star gazing, ... come add your favorite fun to the list!”

The Moapa Valley Chamber blog can be found here:

<http://moapavalleychamber.com/category/moapa-valley-news/>



Events for March – Southwest

- **Monday, March 2, 9, 16 & 23** – Archery at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 4 pm
- **Monday, March 2** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Board meeting, 11 am
- **Wednesday, March 4** – Adult/teen basketball at the Sandy Valley School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Thursday, March 5** – St. Patrick's Day Craft and Party, Sandy Valley Community Center, 4:30 – 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 7** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Potluck and General meeting, 1 pm, bring a dish to share with corned Beef & cabbage and chicken
- **Tuesday, March 10** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 10** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 17** – St. Patrick's Day storytime at the Blue Diamond Library, stories, songs & a craft, 3:30 pm
- **Thursday, March 19** – Movie Night at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, March 26** – Easter craft and party at the sandy Valley Community center, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, March 21** – 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, March 21** – Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the SV Senior Ctr, food at 5 pm & cards dealt at 6 pm
- **Tuesday, March 31** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, April 1** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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

Festival to benefit Blue Diamond Charitable Association

Presented by Escape Adventures, the Red Rock Canyon Fat Tire Festival will take place March 20 – 22. It will be a weekend full of mountain biking fun including endurance rides, recreational rides, a kid's race, and guided tours. Other activities will include family activities, meals, live music, an outdoor movie and a poker run. The festivities kick off Friday night with packet pick up and a spaghetti dinner. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the Blue Diamond Charitable Association to support their community activities and infrastructure improvements. For more information or to register visit www.RRFatTireFestival.com



Fun times at SVVFD Balloon Fest



Beautiful weather and clear, blue skies helped to make the 15th Annual Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department Balloon Fest a great success. County Commissioner Susan Brager, Congressman Joe Heck and new CCFD Fire Chief Greg Cassell joined the volunteer firefighters, local residents and visitors in the festivities which included balloon rides, safety demonstrations and a delicious pancake breakfast. United Blood Services conducted a blood drive and the Sandy Valley Masonic Lodge provided child IDs. This is the SVVFD's largest fundraiser of the year and the proceeds provide training and equipment for the firefighters as well as support for the community services they provide throughout the year.

Photos courtesy of Christine Brown and Wanda Van Dyk



Rural Road Trip of the Month: Valley of Fire

Dedicated in 1935, Valley of Fire is Nevada's largest and oldest state park – and quite possibly the most appropriately named! The 150 million year old sandstone formations within the park range in color from creamy white to deep, vivid red and every shape you can imagine, including arches, beehives and an elephant. Enjoying the beauty of the park from your vehicle along the scenic drive is great, but there are many ways to get out and experience the park including hiking, picnicking, and camping. Trails are available for hikers of all ages and ability levels. There are also picnic areas including shade structures and restrooms in multiple places throughout the park. For those feeling a little more adventurous, there are individual campsites and three group camping areas.

A great place to begin your exploration of the park is at the visitor's center. It houses extensive interpretive displays and information about the plants, animals, early residents and geology of the area. The park is open from sunrise to sunset and the visitor's center is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

March is a good time to visit the park not only due to the pleasant spring weather, but also because the Nevada Division of State Parks is hosting hikes, presentations, programs and children's activities every weekend all month long.

Getting there: From Las Vegas, drive north on the I-15 approximately 35 miles to State Hwy 169 (exit 75.) Head east for 15 miles to the west entrance station. The entrance fee is \$8 per car for Nevada residents (\$10 for non-residents.)

For more information about the park visit: <http://parks.nv.gov/parks/valley-of-fire-state-park/> For a list of the activities in March go to: <http://parks.nv.gov/calendar/>





Here's some interesting trivia to get you ready for St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.

(And, don't forget to wear green so you don't get pinched!)

- ♣ The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland - it was in Boston in 1737. The largest parade in the U.S. is in New York City, has been held since 1762 and draws more than one million spectators.
- ♣ St. Patrick wasn't Irish - he was born in Britain and was brought to Ireland as a slave when he was 16. His birth name is actually Maewyn Succat.
- ♣ Old Irish superstition says that it is unlucky to marry on Saturday, but the St. Patrick's day is supposed to be the luckiest day of the year to get married.
- ♣ It is said that a four-leaf shamrock will bring good luck in gambling and racing, and will render witchcraft powerless. But, one must carry it with them at all times. Giving it away or showing it to others will cause the luck to fail.
- ♣ A leprechaun is really an Irish Shoemaker with a reputation for being rich, but mean.
- ♣ According to legend, you can obtain a leprechaun's pot of gold by capturing him and not taking your eyes off him until you get your gold. Fairy law requires the leprechaun to be honest with you if captured, but only for as long as you look him in the eye. It does not forbid tricks, only lying, but as soon as you look away the leprechaun can vanish, lie to you, or anything else he can dream up.
- ♣ A small patch of carefully landscaped land sits in the middle of a road in Portland, Oregon, but it's not just roadside greenery to perk up a neighborhood street. It's actually a park dedicated to leprechauns. Local legend says that a reporter wrote a series of columns about the country's only leprechaun colony in 1947. The reporter, Dick Fagan, spotted one of the leprechauns digging a hole in the spot outside his window and captured it. He used his wish to get a park of his own, but the leprechaun tricked him and gave him the hole in the ground instead. The two-foot long patch of ground became an official city park in 1976 and serves as the epicenter of the town's St. Patrick's Day festivities.
- ♣ Some legends say leprechauns carry one gold coin for every year they have been alive.
- ♣ The leprechaun is said to have cousins and one of them is the "clurichaun" who is a night form of a leprechaun. He only goes out at night after his chores to get drunk and ride the sheep and dogs. If he was treated right, he would guard that individual's wine cellar, but if mistreated, the clurichaun would wreak havoc on that home, spoil the wine stock and follow that person around to harass him.



Events for March – Northwest

- **Tuesdays** – Bring Your Own Project at the Indian Springs Community Center, bring your craft project, couponing or anything else you need to work on, 5–7 pm**
- **Tuesdays & Fridays** – Evening Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center. Access to the Wii on the big screen TV, pool table, air hockey, basketball game, card and board games, 6–9 pm. **
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Wednesdays** – Knitting & crochet group at the Mt. Charleston library, 12 pm
- **Thursday, March 5** – Game night at the Indian Springs Community Center, 16 years and older, come hang out with your friends and make some new ones, play games, chat, read or relax, 7–9 pm
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, We will be making a wonderful Spring craft & enjoying a snack. Space is limited to 20 so please reserve your child's space. This is for elementary aged children; younger children will need adult assistance. 3:30 pm Cost \$1**
- **Thursday, March 12** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, March 14** – High Desert Seniors St. Paddy's Day Potluck at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3–5 pm
- **Thursday, March 19** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**
- **Saturday, March 28** – Indian Springs High Desert Seniors picnic at Floyd Lamb State Park. Bring your favorite picnic foods to share. Fun, food and fishing (with license as needed.) 8 am to ? For info call 702-879-0833
- **Thursday, April 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

The State Railroad Museum & Nevada Southern Railway

On February 21st the High Desert Senior Citizens Group from Indian Springs visited the State Railroad Museum in Boulder City. They took a ride on the train and a couple of members got to tour the engine and the caboose. The group finished their day of fun with dinner at the Santa Fe buffet.

Photos courtesy of Dukk and Terry Miller



Events for March – Southeast

- **Mondays – Thursdays** – Open recreation at the Searchlight Youth Center, 3:15 – 5:15 pm
- **Mondays** – BINGO at the Slim Kidwell Community Center in Cal–Nev–Ari, 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Senior Center: Walking at 9 am, Resistance Training at 10 am, Computer Classes by appointment
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **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
- **Tuesday, March 3** – Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ Birthday with stories, games & activities, Laughlin Library, 4 pm
- **Saturday, March 7 & Sunday March 8** – Mesa Verde Murder: Join a sleuthing team and solve a murder mystery during this after-hours event at the Laughlin library. Attendance is limited to 50 people each night, so call 702-507-4063 to register.
- **Saturday, March 14** – Kids crafts at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5-11, 3-5 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 10** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 11** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm

**For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-6300

11th Annual Laughlin Senior Games to be held in March



From March 10 – March 16, Laughlin will host the 11th annual Senior Games, which promote health, fun & friendly, Olympic-style competition within the senior community. Events include bowling, swimming, couples and line dancing, poker, tennis, track & field, golf, horseshoes, river races, table tennis, bocce, bridge, and many more! All events are open to anyone 50 years and older wishing to participate. Although the deadline for registration has passed, you can still come out to watch the games and cheer on your favorite competitor. For more information call 702-298-3413.



New Silver Rider Service to the Heritage Trail

Commencing on Saturday March 21, 2015, Silver Rider (Southern Nevada Transit Coalition) will offer once weekly transportation to Pyramid Canyon Park in the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails. The transportation will be offered each Saturday departing at 10:45am and returning at 3:00pm. Transportation will be provided from either the American Legion Post 60 on Bruce Woodbury Drive or from the Silver Rider facility located on the hill behind the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. Reservations are required to access the Heritage Trail transportation and must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Reservations must be called into the Silver Rider office 702-298-4435 prior to 4:00pm Friday. All times are Pacific times.

Laughlin Bullhead All Cancer 5k Walk



Brought to you by the Laughlin Chamber, our Volunteers in Partnership, and We Care volunteers, the walk will be held in Laughlin on the Riverwalk Exploration Trail in the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails beginning at the Pyramid Canyon Park Day Use area on Saturday, March 21 at 9 am. Add your strength to their struggle. For more information call 702-298-2214 ext. 0

Garces Expedition Historical Marker to be Dedicated

The public is invited to a prayer service memorializing the dedication of the Garces Expedition State Historical Marker on Wednesday, March 4, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 3055 El Mirage Way in Laughlin. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Society of Nevada, the event coincides with the 238th anniversary of Father Francisco Garces' Nevada Expedition. The historical marker was recently installed on Needles Highway about two miles south of Laughlin, near the point where it's thought the Franciscan missionary and explorer left the banks of the Colorado River and set out across the Mojave Desert. Light refreshments will be served following the prayer service. Those wishing to attend are requested to RSVP at info@stmnevada.org or by calling 702-361-7480 by Friday, Feb. 27.



Happy
Birthday
Dr. Seuss!



To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, here's a little information about the author as well as a few fun quotes from his many books.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known to the world as the beloved Dr. Seuss, was born in 1904 on Howard Street in Springfield, Massachusetts. Ted's father, Theodor Robert, and grandfather were brewmasters in the city. His mother, Henrietta Seuss Geisel, often soothed her children to sleep by "chanting" rhymes remembered from her youth. Ted credited his mother with both his ability and desire to create the rhymes for which he became so well known.

At the time of his death on September 24, 1991, Ted had written and illustrated 44 children's books, including such all-time favorites as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, *Fox in Socks*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. His books had been translated into more than 15 languages. Over 200 million copies had found their way into homes and hearts around the world. Besides the books, his works have provided the source for eleven children's television specials, a Broadway musical and a feature-length motion picture. Other major motion pictures are on the way. His honors included two Academy awards, two Emmy awards, a Peabody award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Today you are **YOU**,
that is **TRUER** than true.
There is **NO ONE** alive
who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**
~ Dr. Seuss

Be who you are
And say what you feel
Because those
who mind don't
Matter
And those who
Matter
Don't Mind.
Dr. Seuss

You have **BRAINS** in your **HEAD**.
You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.
You can **STEER** yourself any
DIRECTION you **CHOOSE**.
~ Dr. Seuss

“You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax.
all you need is
a book.”
~ Dr. Seuss



The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss

Don't give up.
I believe in you all.
A person's a person
no matter how small.
- Dr. Seuss

You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.
- Dr. Seuss