

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Busy Easter Bunny Hopped All Around Moapa Valley

The Easter Bunny definitely got his exercise out in Moapa Valley on Easter Sunday! He started the morning with an egg hunt at Magnesite where participants got to take part in all of the fun activities provided by the MVRP Off-Road Roundup. Then, he hopped on over to the Logandale Trails in the afternoon. Those lucky enough to spot the Bunny on the trails were challenged to take a picture and enter it in a photo contest. You can see some of the entries right here! Winners will be announced on April 1st.

Photos courtesy of MVRP



Two March Events Focus on Conservation and Preservation

On March 5th, Commissioner Kirkpatrick held a cleanup along the Muddy River east of Overton. The event was to start cleaning up debris from the last several floods that impeded water flow and that marred the beauty of the area. The cleanup was also an opportunity for residents to visit informally with the Commissioner about flooding issues and other community concerns. The Commissioner visited several homes in the area to view firsthand the impacts of continual flooding. Residents were able to point out problem areas and to discuss possible solutions. Commissioner Kirkpatrick had asked Partners in Conservation (PIC) to help her get the word out and to provide trash bags and gloves. “We were happy to help”, said Gene Houston, PIC Board member and also a member of the Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board. “PIC always keeps cleanup supplies and equipment on hand; it’s one way we can give back to our communities and besides, we all live here too. It is important to volunteer a couple of hours when one can to help clean up our area, whether it be along the Muddy River, at Logandale Trails, along Moapa Valley Blvd, or anywhere there’s trash.” Folks were most appreciative of Kirkpatrick’s time and of her commitment to work on this problem. About 35 people attended the cleanup and enjoyed hot dogs she provided, but perhaps the most beneficial aspect of the day was the personal time residents spent with their Commissioner.

The Nevada State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) held a workshop in Logandale on March 12th to train about 15 participants on how to be site stewards. Stewards provide a vital service on public lands by visiting their assigned sites quarterly. These sites may be pre-historic (such as petroglyphs) or historic (such as old mining shacks). Volunteers learn to assess the changes occurring at their site. Many think all changes are caused by vandalism and some are, but volunteers also document naturally occurring changes such as floods, or fires, and even damage caused by wildlife. PIC sponsored this workshop as many in attendance are interested in monitoring petroglyphs and cultural sites at Logandale Trails. To become a site steward, this 6-hour class is mandatory, but it includes several practice sessions outside so the time passes quickly. Many in attendance have seen old buildings torn down or spray paint on petroglyphs, so they have decided to channel their anger and frustration into doing something good. If anyone is interested in performing this important task, feel free to contact Samantha or Rayette at 702-486-5011 or Elise at 702-219-2033. Site Stewards are always needed!



Events for April – 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 5 to 11, 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** – Hands on computer assistance at 11 am; Computer Topics at 3 pm; Computer Logic 4:30 pm **
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots: Songs and stories. Ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am
- **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, April 13** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, April 26** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 28** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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

The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 3rd Annual Moapa Valley Days, March 18th & 19th. It was a big success! The Moapa Valley Wide Yard Sale brought lots of people out to find bargains and reuse and repurpose others cast offs. The Moapa Valley Art Guild hosted their annual Spring Art Show, and MVRP took charge of the street fair again this year. There were about 20 vendors, most of them back from previous years. Friday evening about 50 people turned out to enjoy Cowboy Poetry, complete with campfire, saddles and hay bales.

Article and photos courtesy of MVRP



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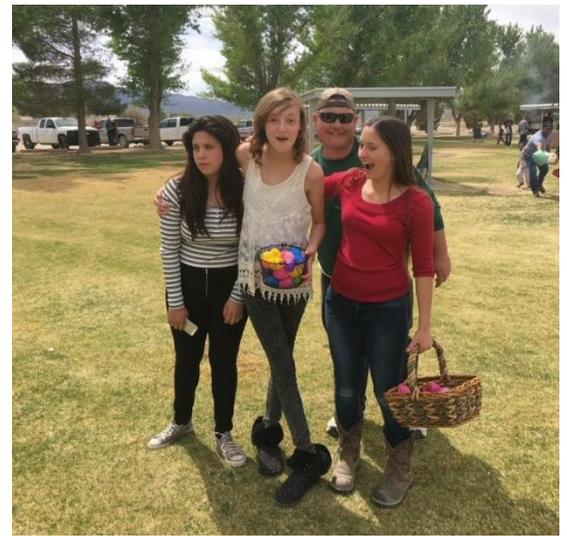
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Sandy Valley Easter Egg Hunt A Cooperative Effort

This year's Easter Egg Hunt in Sandy Valley's Peace Park was a real collaborative effort between many different organizations and businesses within the community. The Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association (SMVDA) gave out 160 Easter baskets and 1,700 eggs were hidden in the park by the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department (SVVFD). The Sandy Valley 4-H assembled the baskets and the SMVDA stuffed the eggs for the hunt. The goodies that filled up the basket and eggs were donated by SVVFD, the Idle Spur, Three Square and SMVDA. As usual, the hunt was fast and fun! It took 4 hours to stuff the eggs, 20 minutes to hide them, and just 4 minutes for them to be hunted!

Photos courtesy of Christine Brown



Events for April – 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, April 12** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, April 12** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn. Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, April 16** – 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, April 26** – Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 27** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, April 27** – Mother’s Day Craft at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 5–6 pm

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

Sandy Valley Food Share Receives Commission Recognition

On Tuesday, March 15th, Sandy Valley Food Share was awarded a proclamation from Commissioner Susan Brager and the entire Clark County Board of County Commissioners for the work they do to provide food for the Sandy Valley Community. Food Share provides food and hygiene items for over 150 families every month.



Worth the Trip into Town: Touch A Truck

If you have kids that love cars, trucks or any other kinds of vehicle, then Touch A Truck is the place you should be on Saturday, April 2nd! This annual event provides over 100 different vehicles for kids to sit in, climb on & experience all in one place. There are police cars, fire trucks, big rigs, military vehicles and many others. All of this fun takes place in the northwest parking lot of the Orleans Arena at the intersection of Cameron and Harmon. The event is open from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. From 9:30 am to 11:00 am is the "Horn Free" time for children with special needs and/or sensitive ears. To purchase tickets or for more info go to: www.touchatruck.com

TOUCH-A-TRUCK benefits Family to Family Connection, a non-profit organization that helps to build stronger families by giving them the tools to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children through parent education and community networking. Established in 1998, Family to Family serves more than 600 families per month offering various classes & support groups. Classes are just \$5 or \$20 per month. For more information about Family to Family visit: www.family2familylv.org



Family to Family Connection's
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
Saturday, April 2nd, 2016
9:30am-3:00pm
ORLEANS ARENA

County Commission Honors Mt. Charleston Emergency Services

Late in the day on January 1, 2016, a 16 year old girl hit a tree while sledding with her family in Lee Canyon. She was carried by her father back to their vehicle and the family started driving down the mountain. When her father saw Trooper Borchardt's vehicle on Lee Canyon Road, he flashed his headlights for attention. Trooper Borchardt immediately called for medical personnel. Trooper Cliff Fontaine, who is also an EMT, responded to assist as well. The Troopers discovered that the girl had suffered a major head injury and was initially knocked unconscious when

her head and back hit a tree at a high rate of speed. Then, her boyfriend, who was initially on the sled with her, was sliding out of control after he fell off and hit her head into the tree for a second time. She was suffering from major swelling and bleeding on the brain. An air ambulance arrived on the scene and transported her to the trauma center. The trauma doctor said that if the medical treatment wasn't given so fast and so well, her condition would have been much worse. The Golden Hour came into play with the head injury. Metro Officers and US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers provided priceless service to the other family members by not only securing their belongings and getting them rides, but also getting them pizza and drinks while they waited at the hospital. NHP Sgt. Higgins kept in contact with the family during the entire event and followed up throughout the girl's recovery and treatment. Due to the quick actions and cooperation of everyone involved, the girl has made a full recovery and was able to go back to school on January 11th.

On Tuesday, March 15th, the Board of County Commissioners recognized the life-saving actions by presenting Proclamations of all of the agencies that worked together to save this young woman's life.



Miss Indian Springs Crowned In 2nd Annual Pageant

This year's Miss Indian Springs pageant was held at the Indian Springs School Theater on Saturday, February 27th. The competition included Talent, Runway and Interview portions. This was the second year for the pageant, which is sponsored by the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department Station 83. Congratulations to all of participants!

Photos courtesy of Toni Nichlos and Pavement Ends Photography

Teeny Tiny Miss: Caerah Salazar
Runner Up: Skylah Hochmann

Mini Miss: Karmyn Guerino
Runner Up: Robyn DiGregorio
Participants: Caydee Rose Judd, Angel Martin, Elizabeth Vaughn

Little Miss: Ava Hill
Runner Up: Heaven Martin

Junior Miss: Savannah Zubia
Runner Up: Elizabeth Clark

Senior Miss: Lorin Lentsch
Runner Up: Aubree Young
Participants: Shawnia Johnson, Hannah Prine

Miss Congeniality: Hanna Prine



Easter Fun For All Ages At The Mt. Charleston Lodge



Photos courtesy of the Thomas Schneekloth

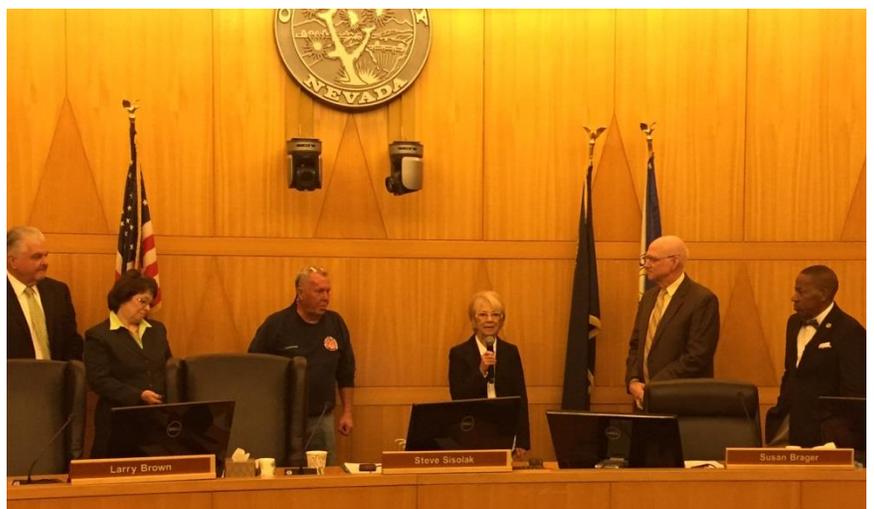
Events for April – Northwest

- **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, April 2** – Youth Baseball Opening Day Parade starts at 9 am, games start at 10 am, For information contact Jessy Fannin at 702–672–7343 or Toni Nichlos at 702–373–2261
- **Wednesday, April 6** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3:30 pm
- **Thursday, April 14** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, April 20** – Movie and Craft Day at the Indian Springs Community Center, movie will go from 3 to 4:30 pm and the craft will start at 4:45 pm. Feel free to bring snacks, water, blankets and pillows.
- **Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24** – Indian Springs Community Clean Up. Dumpsters will be located in the empty lot adjacent to the Community Center.
- **Thursday, April 28** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 28**– Mt. Charleston TAB* Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7pm

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

Mt. Charleston Resident Recognized For Service To Community

Becky Grismanauskas was presented with a proclamation by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 15th in recognition of her many years of service to the Mt. Charleston community. Becky has served as a member of the Town Advisory Board since 1989 when she and her husband first moved to the mountain. She served on the Mt Charleston Volunteer Fire Department as an EMT and a red carded wildland Firefighter for 10 year. She had an integral part in securing the building for Station 81, procuring the first four wheel drive rescue unit and engine for the mountain, implementation of the new Mt Charleston Fire Protection District, and numerous other contributions to the Mt. Charleston Community. Becky and her husband, Duffy, have decided to move off of the mountain and their presence will be missed.



Events for April – 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
- **Tuesday, April 5** – United Blood Services Blood Drive at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, April 12** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, April 14** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, April 19** – Celebrate Earth Day with crafts & activities at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 12** – Managing New Seasons presentation of “Is This Substance Abuse?” at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Sunday, April 17** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT
A Library Community Food Drive

April 1 – 30, 2016

Clear your fines while helping the less fortunate, here's how:

For each consumable, non-perishable, unopened, canned or packaged food item you bring into the library, your LVCCLD fines will be reduced by \$2. All donations will go to the Three Square Food Bank.

Lots Of Stuff To Do In Laughlin In April

Laughlin 2016 River Run 34th Annual Motorcycle Rally – Get ready for the largest motorcycle event on the west coast. The cost is a \$25 event pass per person which includes; Official 2016 Souvenir T shirt, official 2016 River Run Ride Pin, Admission to



Saturday's poker run, contestant entry to custom bike show or Mr. Laughlin River Run Contest.

Laughlin will celebrate the 34th year of this exciting annual event as more than 40,000 motorcycle enthusiasts roar into town for the festivities. Different events and activities will be open all along Casino Drive. This is the largest motorcycle-oriented event on the West Coast. For more information go to: www.laughlinriverrun.com Or call Jim: (949)502-3434

Rockin On The River Festival – Come and enjoy free live rock & roll entertainment outdoors on the Loading Dock Stage April 15 – 17 from Noon to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday and Noon to 7 pm on Sunday. There will also be plenty of food and beverages from vendors along the Riverwalk. For more information contact the Colorado Belle Casino Resort: (702)298-4000

18th Annual Blues and Brews Festival – Come join us for the 18th Annual Blues and Brews Festival for free live blues entertainment by great blues bands outdoors on the Loading Dock Stage. Bands include Jay Gordon & Blues Venon, John Earl & The Boogiemans Band, and the Chris Hiatt Band, Rick Estrin. We are very excited to have internationally known **George Benson** performing in the E Center on Saturday, April 23rd as part of the overall Blues and Brews festival. April 22 – 24 from Noon to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday and Noon to 7 pm on Sunday. For more information contact the Colorado Belle Casino Resort: (702)298-4000

Gambler Classic River Run A.K.A Laughlin Lost Weekend – The 28th Annual Gambler Classic River Run, hosted by the Southern Nevada Classic Chevy Club, will be held on March 31st – April 2nd (Thursday through Saturday) at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino. "The Gambler" is open to the first 200 1955–1957 Chevrolet cars, trucks and Corvettes that Pre-Register. The Show-n-Shine will take place on Saturday, April 2nd. There will also be a Friday Night Sock Hop, an awards party, raffles, dash plaques, goodie bags, trophies, T-shirts, ball



caps, entertainment and gated 24-hour security. The event entry fee is \$40 per vehicle, second vehicle \$30, and a non-vehicle entry is \$30. For event registration information, visit the Gambler website @ www.gamblerclassicriverrun.com or call the Gambler Hotline at 1-888-880-0210 (leave message with your name and number)