

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. Open House

On Sunday, April 22nd the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department hosted an open house at their station. There were plenty of activities for everyone including tours of the firehouse, car extraction demonstrations, the fire prevention smoke trailer, a bounce house for the kids, and the landing of a helicopter from Mercy Air Nevada. After all that excitement, attendees could enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs while listening to a local live band. As a perfect ending to a great event, the crew unveiled their brand new Station 83 squad vehicle. The photo of the new squad shows both the old squad and the new rig. Congratulations on a successful open house and the shiny new wheels!



Mt. Charleston Resident Competes in US Open

Mt. Charleston resident, Lauren Olson, wears many hats: librarian, neighbor, volunteer. But, this past month she traded all those hats for a visor as she competed in the US Open Pickleball Championships in Florida.

So, just what is Pickleball? Pickleball was invented by some friends on Bainbridge Island in 1965. The 3 men, one of which was a Washington State Congressman and Lieutenant Governor, noticed that their families had nothing to do one summer afternoon. They gathered up a variety of rackets, paddles, and balls that they found around the property and invented a new game using their old badminton court. They developed a set of rules that combined elements of tennis, badminton, & ping pong – and always kept in mind that they wanted a game that the whole family could enjoy. From those humble beginnings, Pickleball has grown into a sport that is played in elementary school PE classes, retirement communities, and everywhere in between. The popularity just keeps growing. In 2003 there were 150 courts across the US and Canada. But 2008 that number had jumped to 1,500 and today there are over 4,000 courts!

Along with the growth in popularity has come increased competition, tournaments, and player ratings. Players are rated based on tournament results, recommendation by tournament directors, and input from fellow players. Ratings are divided into age categories with a 5.0 as the highest. After just 3 years of playing and winning a silver medal in the Mountain Regionals in Utah just a week before the US Open, Lauren is ranked at a 4.5.

This year's US Open hosted 2,000 athletes from 47 states and 17 countries. Lauren and her mixed doubles partner competed against 41 other athletes and finished in the top one third. Now she has her eyes set on attending the Nationals in November which are held at the prestigious Indian Wells Tennis Garden near Palm Springs, California.

Clark County will be opening its first pickleball courts at Lone Mountain Regional Park this August. Two new courts will be constructed as part of the new Cougar Creek Park which is scheduled to break ground in the next month be completed by May, 2019. There has been discussion about adding pickleball courts in other parts of the County, so there may be one coming soon to an area near you.

And, as many of you are probably asking – where did the name come from? One theory is that the wife of one of the inventors called it pickleball because “the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats”. A second theory is that the game was officially named after a family dog named Pickles who would chase the ball and run off with it.



Events for May – Northwest

- **Weekdays at Indian Spring Elementary School** – After School Safekey Program. A recreational program for children in grades K–6. After school until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per day per participant. For more information, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room next to the elementary school playground.
- **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
- **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
- **Saturday, May 5** – Youth Baseball! Tball at 9 am, Rookies at 10:15 am and Minors at 11:30 am
- **Thursday, May 10** – ~~Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm cancelled~~
- **Saturday, May 12** – Youth Baseball! Tball at 9 am, Rookies at 10:30 am and Minors at 12 pm
- **Saturday, May 19** – Just for fun softball. All residents over 18 are welcome to come play! Meet at the field at 6:30 for team selection.
- **Thursday, May 31** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 18+, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, May 31** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

Thunderbird Warrior Competition Memorial Day Weekend

The Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department with support from Clark County Parks and Recreation will host the Annual Warrior Competition on May 26, 2018 at Trucks Field in Indian Springs. This event features creative obstacles and challenges that are fun (and sometimes a little messy!) for kids ages 5 to 18. All kids are welcome to enter – it is not limited to Indian Springs residents. Entry fee is \$25 and the deadline to enter is May 16th. To obtain an entry form or for more information, contact Toni Nichlos at 702–373–2261 or Jessy Fannin at 702–672–7343.



Registrations are now being accepted for the 2018

Thunderbird Warrior Competition

Entry fee is \$25.00.
Date of competition is May 26th, 2018.
Deadline to enter is May 16th, 2018.

Age Divisions:

5-7 Years Old	8-10 Years Old
11-13 Years Old	14-18 Years Old

Entry forms are available from
Toni Nichlos at 702-373-2261 or Jessy Fannin at 702-672-7343.

Thunderbird Warrior Competition is sponsored by the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department Station with support from Clark County Parks and Recreation.

Volunteers Help to Make the Desert Safer for Wildlife

On Saturday, April 7th, about 15 volunteers gathered near Goodsprings with their gloves and tools to help remove one mile of old 4 string barbed wire fencing. The outdated fencing (as shown in the photo below on the left) was no longer needed and presented a hazard to wild horses, burros, and other wildlife in the area. This project was developed by Girl Scout Anna Dorn as her Senior Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Anna received help from the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, the Bristlecone Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and various other volunteers and sponsors.

Photos courtesy of Tara Kilpatrick and Tabby Romero



Goodsprings Volunteer Fire Dept. Welcomes New Squad

Chief Colleen and the rest of the crew at the Goodsprings Volunteer Fire Department Station 78 were excited to receive their new squad last month. The vehicle is a 2017 Ford F550 and was modified to meet the needs of the emergency responders that serve Goodsprings and the surrounding areas. The squad was put into use not long after it arrived when it ran its inaugural call on the morning of April 29th in Goodsprings along with Rescues 77 & 87.



Events for May – Southwest

- **Wednesdays at the Sandy Valley School Gym** – Volleyball 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Basketball 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- **Thursdays at the Sandy Valley Community Center** – Women’s Yoga Circle, 7–8 pm, \$6
- **Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6** – Goodsprings Annual Old Timer’s Reunion
- **Saturday, May 5** – BINGO at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 6 pm
- **Tuesday, May 8** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 8** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Sunday, May 13** – Second Sunday Artists and Authors at the Red Rock Visitors Center, Artist Rob Tuvell will be at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center from 11AM until 3PM displaying his artwork and answering questions. He is a water colorist who also spends many hours doing volunteer work for Friends of Red Rock Canyon. No registration necessary. All ages.
- **Monday, May 14** – Craft class at the Sandy Valley Community Center – 18 and over, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 19** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$4.00 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Tuesday, May 29** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 30** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

VFD Stations 77 and 78 CPR Training

Members of Goodsprings Station 78 and Sandy Valley Station 77 participated in CPR training during April. Chief Ken Smith demonstrated that no one, even his grandson Kaleb, is too young to learn how to save a life.



Rocky's Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

This is part 5 of an on-going series.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Rocky was not able to receive his freeze brand in April, but he was able to be gelded (neutered.) So, in just a few minutes, he went from a Jack (intact stallion) to a Gelding (neutered.) We had Rocky neutered for a couple of different reasons. First, it will help him to have a better temperament. Jacks can be unpredictable and aggressive as they age. While Rocky's nibbles and head butts might seem cute now, they could be dangerous with the hormones of an adult. Secondly, we do not want to have any accidental pregnancies. Although he is not in contact with our mare or any other female horses or donkeys, we don't want to take a chance. Plus, there are so many burros in need of forever homes that we would "opt to adopt" if we ever chose to bring another donkey into our family.

The actual gelding procedure, which was done at our ranch, was relatively quick and efficient. From the time he was sedated until he was up walking around was only about 30 minutes. He was a little subdued the first day, but after that he bounced right back to his usual goofy self.

One of the most common questions I get is: "What's the difference between a burro and a donkey?" Well, at first, I honestly wasn't sure either. There are a lot of different terms that are used when referring to burros, so, here's a little "Donkey Dictionary" for all of us.

Ass: Technically, this is the term to be used when referring to a member of the genus equus asinus. The hoarseness of its voice, or bray, depends upon two small peculiar cavities situated at the bottom of the larynx. In groups, we refer to a pace of asses.

Burro: In Spanish, the word for 'donkey' is 'burro'. As a general rule, the term burro is heard West of the Mississippi and the term Donkey, east of the Mississippi.

Donkey: This term is unique to the English language and was probably derived from the Flemish word *donnekijn*. Most authorities consider that the word comes from the dun (gray-brown) color and the suffix 'key' meaning 'small'. Thus 'a little dun animal', a 'dun-key'. In groups, we refer to a herd of donkeys.

Foal: This term is used for a baby donkey or a baby mule

Gelding: This is the term used for a gelded donkey stallion.

Jack or Jackass: This term refers to a donkey stallion.

Jennet or Jenny: This is the name of a female donkey.

John: This term is used for a male mule.

Molly: This term is used for a female mule.

Mule and Hinny: These terms are used to describe hybrid animals, each having a donkey parent and a horse parent. In 99.9% of cases, mules and hinnies are sterile. When a donkey stallion is bred with a horse mare, the offspring is called a mule. When a horse stallion is bred with a donkey jennet, the offspring is called a hinny. In groups, we refer to a barren of mules.



**Mix & Mingle
With the Candidates**

98 individuals running for an office that we vote for here in Sandy Valley, have been invited to this event as a Community Service!

Entry Fee for Candidates: A Plate of Finger Food for 50 or More, and a Positive Attitude

This is an old-fashioned, hand-shaking, baby-kissing, good time, where there are no speeches or agendas – just a friendly, meet the public event..

Entry Fee for the Public: A Positive Attitude and a Bit of an Appetite

**Saturday, May 5th from 4pm to 7pm
at the Sidewinder Cafe**

(777 East Quartz, Sandy Valley, NV, 89019 ~ by Post Office)

Following Day Two of the Sail Plane event at the Sod Farm ~ Pilots flying from 8am to 3pm

Who's Coming, You Ask? As of 4/30 we have:

Larry Shupe, Socrates Kostas, Greg Cortese, and a **Representative for Charles Lee** (for Justice of the Peace), **Eileen Eady** (for Clark Cty School Board Trustee), **Scott LaFata** (for Lieutenant Governor), **Mitchell Tracy**, and **Jason Hunt** (for Clark County Commissioner), **Ryan Bundy**, and **Fred Conquest** (for Governor), **Jack Love, Patrick Carter, David McKeon, Michelle Mortensen, Michael Weiss, David Goossen**, and **Richard Hart** (for Congress), **Gordon Martines** (for Sheriff), and **Sarah Gazala** (for US Senate), so far..

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The Sail Planes

are Back!



**Bring Out the Family..
Tell All Your Friends..**

Lunch Available from Noon to 2pm Each Day..

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday,
May 4th through May 7th
at the Sandy Valley Sod Farm
(End of Quartz Ave ~ 1 Mile to Sod Farm ~ Follow Signs)**



Winch-Launch Gliders – No Motors

See them at: youtube.com/watch?v=9PkDINOvk8

Friday – Pilots Fly from 8am to 5pm
Fundraising Lunch: Sandy Valley
Community Church

Saturday – Pilots Fly from 8am to 3pm
Fundraising Lunch: Sandy Valley
Senior Center

Electric-Launch Gliders

See them at: youtube.com/watch?v=AfezktmGjs

Sunday – Pilots Fly from 8am to 5pm
Fundraising Lunch: Sandy Mesquite
Valley Development Association

Monday – Pilots Fly from 8am to 3pm
Fundraising Lunch: Sandy Valley
Food Share



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**TERRIBLE
HERBST**

Job Fair
**ARE YOU READY
to start working?**

**Now hiring Cashiers* & Porters for the
Grand Opening of the
JEAN ROADHOUSE!**

Meet face to face with a Terrible Herbst Representative:

Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 9:00am –1:00pm
Jean Goldstrike Hotel & Gambling Hall
1 Main Street
Jean, NV 89019
Banquet Room (upstairs)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 10:00am – 1:00pm
Sandy Valley Community Center
650 West Quartz
Sandy Valley, NV 89019
(On the corner of Quartz and Osage)



All shifts available — Health & Dental Benefits
Opportunity for Advancement
Work card assistance will be provided if applicable
*Must be 21 years or older for a Cashier position

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Events for May – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids, 11:15 am
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Mousers, 11:15 am; Anime Otaku Club, 2:30 pm; LEGO Club, 4 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Stay and Play, 11:15 am; Adult Computer Class, 3 pm
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots, 11:15 am
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Crafternoon, 2 pm; Game On, 12 pm
- **Saturdays in May at Valley of Fire State Park** – One of the most well-known attractions at Valley of Fire State Park is the Native American petroglyphs found at Atlatl Rock, which date back hundreds to even thousands of years. Children that would like to learn more about petroglyphs should meet at Atlatl Rock picnic area at 1:30 p.m. Children will be provided with the materials to make their own petroglyphs, which will be theirs to keep. This event is free of charge, however, Valley of Fire State Park has a day-use fee of \$10 per vehicle.
- **Saturdays and Sundays in May at Valley of Fire State Park** – Come to the Visitor Center and meet a ranger in the front theater for a short talk about the geological history, human history and common flora and fauna of the park. 11 – 1:30 am. Participants will get to try their hand at throwing an Atlatl dart. Meet at the Atlatl Rock picnic area at 2:30 pm. These events are free of charge, however, Valley of Fire State Park has a day-use fee of \$10 per vehicle.
- **Saturday, May 5** – English Language Discussion Group at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Wednesday, May 9** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturdays, May 12 & 26** – Adult Coloring Club at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Tuesday, May 29** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, May 31** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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Events for May – Southeast

- **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**
- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club, Ages 5–11, 4 pm**
- **Friday, May 4 & 18** – Kids Craft Corner, 3 pm**
- **Saturday, May 5** – Representatives from Consumer Assistance and Resource Enterprise will answer questions about Nevada Health Link and open enrollment. Laughlin Library, 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, May 8** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 9** – Master Gardeners at the Laughlin Library, 10 am**
- **Wednesday, May 9** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Fridays, May 11 & 25** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, popcorn is provided, 2 pm**
- **Sunday, May 13** – Origami Class, 1:30 pm and Tea at 3, 3 pm, Laughlin Library**
- **Tuesday, May 15** – Device Advice at the Laughlin Library, 11 am to 1 pm**
- **Saturday, May 19** – Saturday Readers Book Club, *The Underground Railroad* by Colin Whitehead, Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Monday, May 21** – United Blood Services Blood Drive, Laughlin Library, 11 am to 3 pm
- **Wednesday, May 23** – Adult Crafts at the Laughlin Library, 10:30 am**

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Adult Crafts



Bring back traditional crafts with a spinning wheel demonstration. Our library volunteer, Kirsten, will discuss the tools and techniques of spinning fiber and explain the differences between a wheel and a drop spindle. She will also show how to finish the yarn and answer any questions you may have on this heritage art.

May 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Laughlin Library
2840 S. Needles Hwy
(702) 507-4060

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www.lvccld.org

This is a free program and no registration is required.

Spaceballs

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SPECIAL
MOVIE EVENT

Celebrate May
the 4th with this
Mel Brooks'
classic.

May the Schwartz be
with you!

Friday, May 4
2:00 p.m.
Laughlin Library
2840 S. Needles Hwy

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All programs are free and open to the public.