

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Gold Butte – “Nevada’s Piece of the Grand Canyon”

Designated as a National Monument on December 28, 2016, Gold Butte is home to countless cultural, historic, and natural wonders that make this area so unique and are now preserved for future generations. For decades, Nevadans have been working to protect the nationally significant cultural, historic, and natural treasures in Gold Butte and today their hard work has paid off. Covering nearly 300,000 acres of remote and rugged desert landscape in southeastern Nevada, it features dramatically chiseled red sandstone, twisting canyons, and tree-clad mountains that punctuate desolate stretches of the Mojave Desert. The brightly hued sandstone provides a stunning canvas for the area’s famously beautiful rock art, and the desert provides critical habitat. The area is popular for outdoor recreation, and visitors to the monument can hike to rock art sites, drive the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway to the area’s namesake mining ghost town, hunt desert bighorn sheep, or tour the area’s peaks and canyons on horseback. (from [http://www.nevadawilderness.org/gold\\_butte](http://www.nevadawilderness.org/gold_butte))



Elise McAllister, Administrator for Partners in Conservation, shares these tips for visiting the area:

- It is remote and rugged – cell service will not work in most areas.
- Please, do not venture out to Gold Butte by yourself and in only one vehicle. There is safety in numbers.
- Let people know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition. Make sure you take at least one spare tire and check that tire to make sure it is properly inflated. Take extra gas. Do NOT drive beyond your abilities.
- An SUV-type automobile with higher clearance is strongly recommended. To travel down ANY side road, 4WD is strongly recommended.
- Print maps. Maps are available here and feature all approved and designated ‘open’ roads. [https://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm\\_programs/lvfo\\_recreation/accessing\\_your\\_public/maps.html](https://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm_programs/lvfo_recreation/accessing_your_public/maps.html).
- Go slowly – stop and enjoy your surroundings. There is so much to take in, it is almost overwhelming, so let yourself enjoy the journey as well as the destination.

Look for more information about Gold Butte in future issues of Rural Connections.

## Events for February – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids: Nursery rhymes, songs and dances for ages 3–5, 11:15 am; Computer Basics at 3 pm; Hands–on Computer Help at 4 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Lego Club (ages 6 & up) 4 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer Topics at 3 pm; Computer logic/programming at 4:30 pm
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny tots songs and finger plays for ages 0 to 3, 10:15 am; Discovery Lab, open, non–structured, hands–on explorations of various science materials, projects and experiments, ages 8–14, 4 pm
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Move & Groove for ages 0–5 at 10:15 am; Teen Space at 2:30 pm
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – English Language discussion group at 10 am; Game on at 12 noon; Crafternoon at 2 pm
- **Thursday, February 2** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, February 15** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, February 28** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board

## Groundbreaking Held at Logandale Trails

On January 26, 2017, around 70 people showed up at Logandale Trails to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for new restrooms. The many partners, all working together for a common cause, generated the crowd of excited well-wishers. Representatives were in attendance from BLM, the Nevada OHV Commission, the NV State Park's RecTrails program, NV Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Commissioner Kirkpatrick's staff, Clark County Public Works, Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce, Moapa Valley Rotarians plus other representatives from government and civic offices.



The ceremonial shovels of dirt were thrown into the air, words of thanks and support were spoken, then everyone visited around a light lunch and delicious cupcakes. With the weather being practically perfect, folks lingered in the sun and gorgeous surroundings, visiting with friends and making new acquaintances, marking another way this ground–breaking ceremony was anything but ordinary!

*Article & photo courtesy of Elise McAllister*

# Winter Safety Tips from the Winter Alliance

- Before heading to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA), please check driving conditions, chain requirements and road closures. For real-time road information, dial 511 or visit [www.GoMtCharleston.com](http://www.GoMtCharleston.com).
- When traveling to the mountain, start with a full tank of gas. There are no gas stations on site. Always carry with you: tire chains/tow strap, cell phone, flashlight, ice scraper, jumper cable, snow shovel, blanket/sleeping bag, first aid kit, compass, maps, bag of sand/kitty litter for traction, spare batteries, non-perishable foods and water.
- Dial \*NHP (\*647) in case of a roadway emergency or 911 to report a serious accident.
- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing including light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves and waterproof boots.
- Anticipate higher traffic volumes during weekends and holidays. Weekdays, early morning and non-holiday times may provide fewer crowds and better access. Go early, be patient and abide by traffic laws. You may have to wait to go up the mountain if traffic is too congested or conditions are unsafe.
- When parking off road, all wheels must be to the right of the white line to allow for emergency vehicles to pass. Illegally parked vehicles may be fined and towed. There is no roadside parking on Nevada State Route 156 between Lee Meadows and the Lee Canyon ski area. Roadside parking is also prohibited in Kyle Canyon past the intersection of Nevada State Routes 157 and 158.
- Don't sled in areas with less than 12 inches of snow, and avoid traffic and dangerous objects like trees and rocks. Use sturdy sleds for snow play, not makeshift items like cardboard boxes.
- Please help keep the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area beautiful for everyone to enjoy. Take trash home or put it in provided trashcans or dumpsters.



## Snow Play Areas

### Lee Canyon

- Lee Canyon resort the largest recreation area and offers skiing and tubing for daily and annual fees.
- Lee Meadows for sledding (Crowded on weekends and parking is limited).
- Bristlecone Trail for snowshoeing.
- Various pullouts on Deer Creek Road (Nevada State Route 158) and Lee Canyon Road (Nevada State Route 156) for touching snow.
- Foxtail Day Use Area (sledding permitted with enough snow is \$20 per car, up to four people, \$5 per additional person in vehicle, \$5 per person walk-in); Old Mill Picnic Area (\$10 per car) and McWilliams Campground (\$10 Day Use/\$21 for single site (\$38 for double site) are managed areas only opened as weather permits.

### Kyle Canyon (no designated snow play areas)

- The Spring Mountain Visitor Gateway is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week for visitor information.
- Kyle Picnic Area is (depending on picnic area size and day of the week, ranges from \$12 to \$54 to reserve a picnic area for the day).

## Events for February – Northwest

- **Tuesdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – Knit, Stitch and Crochet: this is a great opportunity for knitters, crocheters and other fiber artists to gather and share their projects, talk over ideas, and just enjoy company, 10 am
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – Dance yourself into shape, 18 and over, 10 to 11 am
- **Wednesdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – The doors will be open and the coffee will be on, so stop by for some good conversation, 10:30 am
- **Monday thru Friday at the Indian Springs School** – Safekey Program for children in grades K – 6 after school. For more information call 702-879-3890 or stop by the Safekey room next to the playground
- **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
- **Thursday, February 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, February 8** – Kids Craft Day at the Indian Springs Community Center. Space is limited to 20 so call or come in to reserve your child's space, 3:30 pm, Cost \$1
- **Saturday, February 11** – High Desert Seniors bake sale at the Indian Springs Terrible' Chevron Station, 8 am until sold out
- **Saturday, February 11** – High Desert Seniors Potluck at the Indian Springs Community Center, all residents over 50 are welcome to join, 2-4 pm
- **Thursday, February 16** – Indian Springs TAB\* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Monday, February 20** – Movie and a craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, movie starts at 1 and the craft starts at 2:45, Cost for the craft \$1
- **Thursday, February 23** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, March 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board

## BINGO Birthday Fun in Indian Springs



# IT'S THE LAW



All dogs, cats, ferrets, pet rabbits, & potbellied pigs:

- must be **spayed or neutered**. CCC 10.08.132(a)
- must wear a collar with **owner identification** information **OR** the animal must be implanted with a **microchip**. CCC 10.08.070(b)

All dogs, cats, ferrets over 3 months of age:

- must be **vaccinated** with the rabies vaccine and must wear a collar with the current rabies **vaccination tag**. CCC 10.08.070(a) & 10.08.080



## Events for February – Southwest

- **Mondays at the Sandy Valley Senior Center** – Quilting group, 1 – 5 pm
- **Mondays at the Sandy Valley School Gym** – Volleyball, Must have GYM shoes to be on Court. 4:30 pm – 6:30PM
- **Wednesdays at the Sandy Valley School Gym** – Basketball, must have GYM shoes to be on Court. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- **Fridays at the Sandy Valley Senior Center** – Crochet and Knitting, 1 – 5pm
- **Monday, February 6 & 20** – Coffee and Donuts at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 8 to 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, February 7** – American Legion Meeting at the Keystone in Sandy Valley, 6:30 pm
- **Friday, February 3** – General meeting and potluck at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4** – Little Britches Rodeo at the Keystone’s BJC Arena, 9 am
- **Saturday, February 11** – Keystone Enrichment Foundation Meeting, Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 9 am
- **Tuesday, February 14** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, February 18** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Monday, February 28** – Board meeting at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 11 am
- **Tuesday, February 28** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 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

## Indulge Your Sweet Tooth at the SV 4H Bake Sale

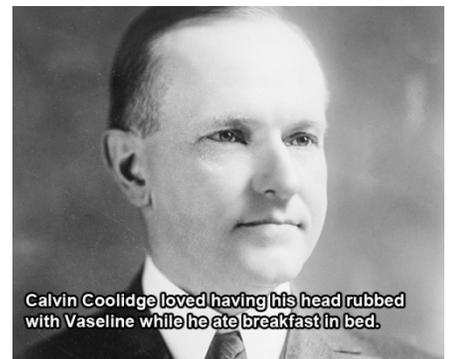
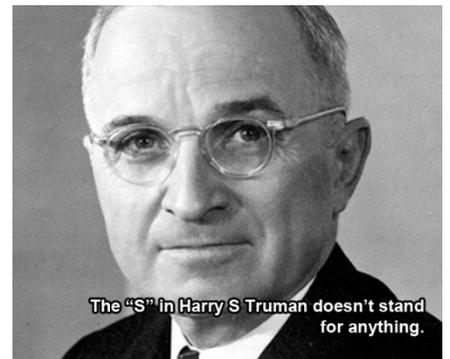
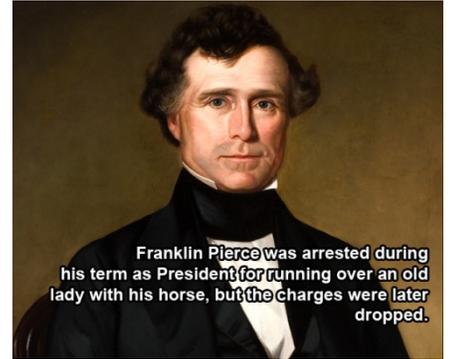
The Sandy Valley 4Hers will be having their Annual Valentine’s Bake Sale from February 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The sale will take place at the Trails End store from 8 am to 5 pm each day and at the Sandy Valley Community Center from 6 pm to 9 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be offering all varieties of baked goods, fresh flowers and Valentine’s crafts. All proceeds will go toward helping the kids go to the Clark County Fair later this Spring.



# Presidential Trivia You May Not Have Heard Before

In celebration of President's Day coming up on February 20<sup>th</sup>, here are some lesser known (and quite humorous!) facts about past American Presidents.

- In 1954, Ronald Reagan's acting career was going so badly that he took a gig here in Las Vegas as a stand-up comedian for a few weeks.
- John Quincy Adams regularly skinny-dipped in the Potomac River
- Grover Cleveland's daughter, Ruth, was the namesake for the Baby Ruth candy bar
- James A. Garfield was ambidextrous and it was said that he could write a sentence in Latin with one hand and write it in Greek with the other.
- James Madison was the shortest and lightest president at 5 feet, 4 inches and about 100 pounds.
- William Taft owned the last presidential cow.
- Ulysses S. Grant was given a \$20 speeding ticket for riding his horse too fast down a Washington street.
- Interesting presidential pets: Jefferson had two bears, Adams had an alligator, Buchanan had an elephant and Teddy Roosevelt had a zebra.
- Chester A. Arthur was a sharp dresser who owned over 80 pairs of pants and was nicknamed "Elegant Arthur"
- Thomas Jefferson was a prolific inventor. He invented or improved on the dumbwaiter, a pasta maker, the swivel chair, the sundial and the pedometer among other things.
- William Taft became the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court after leaving office and swore in both Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover as President.
- Herbert Hoover and his wife were fluent in Mandarin Chinese and would speak it around the White House to prevent others from understanding them.
- John Tyler was the president with the most children—he had 15.
- Zachary Taylor received his nomination for presidency late because he refused all postage due correspondences
- Gerald Ford worked as a fashion model for Cosmopolitan and Look magazines in the 1940's.
- Harry S. Truman got up at 5 o'clock in the morning to practice the piano for two hours
- At his inauguration, George Washington had only one tooth. At various times he wore dentures made of human teeth, animal teeth, ivory or even lead. Never wood.



## After Hours Fun at the Laughlin Library Stuffed Animal Sleepover

The Laughlin Library hosted a Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The owners of the Stuffed Animals read them stories before they left them to spend the night in the Library. They also set up rules for the animals to follow during their sleepover:

- Go to sleep
- Don't use scissors
- No pillow fights
- Don't jump around or be loud when others are sleeping
- No hitting
- No waking up
- No eating in bed

As you can see, it didn't take long for the stuffed animals to break all of the rules and have fun partying all night at the Library. They ate in bed, played with scissors, make lots of noise with musical instruments, and it looks like there was even some library cart racing!



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## Events for February – Southeast

- **Tuesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Club Tuesday offers a variety of crafts, games activities and stories for ages 5 to 11, 4:30 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club, ages 5 to 11, 4 pm
- **Sunday, February 5** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, Storke, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, February 9** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Friday, February 10 & 24** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, February 12** – Origami Paper Folding class at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, February 12** – Tea at Three – sample new teas at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, February 14** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 15** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, February 15** – Western Roundup at the Laughlin Library. Special guests Cheryl Rogers and Bob Dix Brimmer help showcase the actors Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Richard Dix. Hosted by Sharon Haugen as a part of the Silent Era and History Series. 2 pm
- **Sunday, February 19** – Love Piano Recital with the students of LuAnn Kruz, Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Thursday, February 23** – Pokemon Club at the Laughlin Library for ages 5–11, 4 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, February 23 & 26** – Adult Coloring at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Thursday, February 25** – Craft and Create at the Laughlin Library for ages 5–11, 3 pm\*\*
- **Monday, February 27** – Local Henderson resident Steve Hedland will share how he “Hiked the PCT at 60,” Laughlin Library, 2 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board \*\*For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-4060

The ladies of the Searchlight Gold Diggers Red Hatters enjoyed lunch at the Olive Garden on their recent outing to Henderson.



## 4-H Voices: Sandy Valley 4-H Club

Sandy Valley 4-H Shooting Sports  
By Isabela Gonzalez

On Saturday January 21st the first shotgun meeting was held. It was a very cold and windy day. Ken Smith, our volunteer fire department chief is the shotgun leader. The chief started the class going over the firearm safety rules. Here are the safety rules that the chief gave to the kids:

1. Always point a gun in a safe direction.
2. Assume that any gun, at any time, is loaded.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger.
4. Know what you are shooting at.
5. Be familiar with your gun.
6. Don't shoot at hard services (including water).
7. Don't rely on a safety mechanism.
8. Load your gun when you need to.
9. Use the right ammo.
10. Pay attention!

Members were able to choose between the 12 gauge and the 20 gauge shotgun. Once they chose what shotgun they were going to shoot they took turns at the line shooting clays. Seven members participated. Everyone had lots of fun and is looking forward to the next class.



Valentine's Bake Sale  
By Erika Lovato

Come join us at our 6th annual Sandy Valley 4 H Club Bake Sale, which will be Saturday February 11th– Tuesday February 14th in front of the Trails End General Store from 8–4pm, in Sandy Valley, NV. On Tuesday night, Valentine's Day, we will be selling at the Sandy Valley Citizens Advisory Council meeting at 7:30pm at the Community Center. The whole Valley is invited to come out and support the club, as well as see the plans revealed for our new splash pad at Peace Park. You are helping the Sandy Valley 4-H Club pay the \$100 per kid it costs to go to the CC Fair. That includes gas to/from fair, entry fees, tickets, and money put toward the entries into the Fine Art building. The fair will be held April 12–16 in Logandale, NV, at the Clark County fairgrounds. Come personalize your own "cookie card", or buy our fresh flowers bouquet that our 4-H club will be putting together.

### 6th Annual SV4-H Club Bake Sale

All proceeds help get the SV4-H kids to the  
Clark County Fair!





We will have award-winning, fresh flower bouquets, cakes, and cookies. Lots of treats and customizable, edible gifts for everyone.




**February 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th**

From 8–4pm in front of Trails End General Store  
On the evening of the 14th, at 7:30 pm, Join the 4-H Club at the CAC meeting at the SV Community Center, to see the plans revealed for the Peace Park improvements!




**This Little Piggy Goes to Market: December**  
**OllieAnna Wadley**

Well, Wilbur, Fern and I are officially entered into the Clark County Fair and Rodeo in Logandale. The Fair is April 12–16 and the countdown begins! Our official weigh in was January 21. Fern weighed in at 155 and Wilbur at 169. They have to weigh a minimum of 230 for fair or I cannot show them. These weights are a bit heavier than we have had in the past but we no longer have a weight cap so, they can pack on as much weight as their structure can carry. This is why you want a market animal with big bone. The bigger the bone the more weight they can carry. The more weight they carry the more meat. And we want lots of bacon and pork chops!

We are still feeding the 18% protein show feed. We have added corn oil and oatmeal to their diet. The oil adds finish and fluidity and the oatmeal fills their stomach and stretches them out. We want them to finish out with a nice blossom, which means we want their bellies to look full and we want to see an expansion and expression in their rib cage. I am walking and exercising them almost daily. Sometime I have a lot of homework and Mom says that takes priority so every now and then they get a day off while I work on my homework.

I will have to start my invitation and sponsorship letters soon. I have kept the buyer and sponsor contact information from those that supported my project last year, so of course they will get another thank you and invitation again this year. I usually send out about 50 letters and invitations to invite individuals and business owners to our county auction. The Junior Livestock association does not guarantee buyers, so we have to do all that we can to secure a buyer and sponsors for our own market projects. All letters are handwritten. My Mom helps me by typing out the pertinent information about the auction and sponsorship opportunities. That being said, I am getting pretty good at letter writing!

February is around the corner and that marks the halfway point. One more cold month ahead then it will start to warm up a bit. Warmer weather means mixing sunscreen potions and skin conditioning remedies for Fern and Wilbur. We want them to look healthy and fresh for the show. But for now, I am still breaking the early morning ice in their water trough and bundling them up with lots of straw to keep warm. Until next time, keep warm and start thinking about sunshine, fair and bacon!

