

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Sandy Valley VFD Welcomes New Squad

The Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department received their shiny new squad vehicle last month. This was the last of 4 new squads that have been delivered to Goodsprings, Indian Springs, and Bunkerville over that few months. The rear boxes of the trucks were built in 1994 and were of such good quality that they were able to be refurbished and remounted on the new Ford F550, 4WD chassis. This creative re-use of resources saved the County over \$250,000 while still providing new vehicles to the hard working men and women of the Volunteer Fire Departments.



Youth Boxing Classes in Sandy Valley

The kids of Sandy Valley have a new sport to experience – boxing! Led by Ricardo USA Boxing Certified Coach, Ricardo Gonzalez, boys and girls are training and developing their boxing skills each week at the Keystone Foundation. Coach Gonzalez says they he aims to “use the ‘Sweet Science’ of Boxing to promote fitness, sportsmanship, and commitment through functional strength training, mentorship and community

involvement.” The free classes focus on “functional strength training through boxing that encompasses cardio, footwork, muscle development, proper punching technique and conceptual boxing philosophy.” For more information about the classes, visit <https://www.sandyvalleyboxing.com/>



Events for September – Southwest

- **Monday, September 9** – General Meeting at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 2 pm
- **Tuesday, September 11** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 11** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 15** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$4.00 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Monday, September 24** – Craft class at the Sandy Valley Community Center – 18 and over, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 25** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, September 26** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

Pioneer Days at Spring Mountain Ranch

Three ranches formed the core of the Las Vegas community in the 1870's, and Spring Mountain Ranch was one of them! On September 15th, 2018, from 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park turns back the clock to its early days as a pioneer ranch. Come experience the sights, smells, and tastes of the Nevada frontier with branding, fresh squeezed lemonade, spinning, quilting, weaving, the Old Time Nevada Fiddlers, a bluegrass band, an appearance from Jackson the Burro and Carson the Mustang, and costumed interpreters ready to bring the past to life. There will be games, arts and crafts for all ages, including homemade whirly-gigs, rag doll making, potato sack races, and hobby horse races. Discover what school was like for pioneer children and learn how to square dance as volunteers demonstrate how it was done almost two hundred years ago. Plan to participate in the silent auction to benefit the volunteer and docent organization that supports the ranch with sharing all aspects of the history, including events like this.



Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition at Springs Preserve

The 2018 Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition will be held Friday and Saturday, September 14 & 15 at the Springs Preserve. Contest judging for this nationally-recognized event will begin at 10 a.m. each day. The winner will be announced on September 15.

In addition to viewing all of the artworks entered in the 2018 contest, enjoy family activities, demonstrations of outdoor wildlife and recreational skills, and visit partner information booths to learn how to experience more of what Southern Nevada has to offer.

The Million Dollar Duck

Dive into the weird world of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, where the artists competitively paint waterfowl in their obsessive quests to win the Olympics of wildlife art. Meet the artists and hear their stories.

September 14, 2018

Film at 6:30 pm

After the film talk with the filmmaker and featured artists



The Origen Theater
Springs Preserve

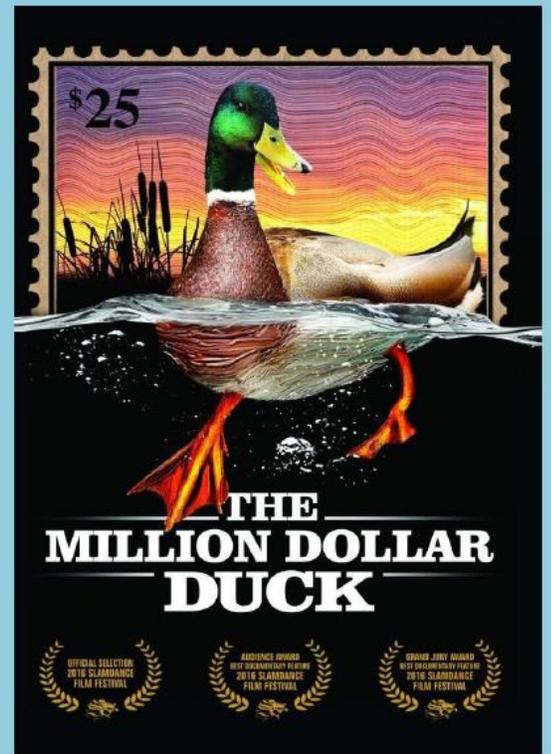
333 S Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107

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Limited Seating

Reserve your seat at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/million-dollar-duck-movie-talk-tickets-49112206933>



Don't miss a free showing of Million Dollar Duck and talk with the film's director and featured artists on Friday, September 14. On Saturday, September 15, take a free walking tour to explore the many birds of the Springs Preserve.

Springs Preserve will offer free admission for all visitors on Friday and Saturday, September 14 & 15. Come explore Nevada history, culture and wildlife in the Preserve's botanical garden, museums and trails. Learn about wise water use and other sustainable lifestyle choices you can make. For more information visit:

<https://www.springspreserve.org/>

At first glance, Las Vegas may not seem a logical choice as the site of the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest. However, did you know that:

- Federal, state, city, and non-government partners work together to provide millions of acres of public access to outdoor recreation opportunities in the southern Great Basin.
- Desert National Wildlife Refuge is the largest refuge outside of Alaska.
- Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge is a critical Pacific Flyway stopover; more than 73 percent of the refuge was created using monies from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – to which Federal Duck Stamps have contributed over \$1 billion dollars.
- Tule duck decoys, which are made from tule rushes and feathers and resemble canvasbacks, are the oldest known examples of waterfowl decoys. A cache found in Nevada, created 2,000 years ago by Native Americans, point to a rich history of wildlife and a waterfowl hunting tradition in the area.

Events for September – Northwest

- **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
- **Saturdays at Trucks Field in Indian Springs** – Just for Fun Softball, all residents 18 and over are welcome to participate, 7 pm
- **Saturdays and Sundays at the Spring Mountains Visitors Gateway** – Fall Color Hikes, visit <https://www.gomtcharleston.com/> for details
- **Thursday, September 13** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, September 27** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 18+, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, September 27**– Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board



National Public Lands Day

Clean Up & Green Up

Help clean up the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, then celebrate the installation of new trash and recycling bins with lunch and music generously provided by our partners!

Saturday
Sep 29
9am

Sign up today at
www.gomtcharleston.com



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Windy's Ranch Provides Sanctuary to Pigs and More

Windy's Ranch & Rescue is a potbellied pig rescue and sanctuary in Overton, Nevada. The founder and owner, Janice Ridondo, also happens to be a community liaison for County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick, who covers several rural areas in the northeast part of Clark County. Janice has been rescuing animals nearly her entire life and began the 501.c3 pig rescue in North Las Vegas in 2009. The rescue quickly outgrew that location and was moved to Moapa Valley in 2015. Windy's Ranch provides a place for once abused and abandoned animals can live out the rest of their lives in peace and harmony. To get more information or to help with fostering or adoption, visit www.windys.org



5th Annual Statewide Recycled Art Contest

Make a Difference. Make a Masterpiece. – The Nevada Recycles program has partnered with The Venetian to support a statewide recycled art contest to increase Nevadans' awareness and interest in recycling. In support of Earth Day's 2018 campaign to End Plastic Pollution, this year's projects must be composed of used or found plastic materials. Submission of an entry form and photos of artwork are due by October 24, 2018.

In addition to a \$250 prize to the first place class project, The Venetian will provide first, second and third prizes in five categories: Kindergarten–Grade 5, Grades 6–8, Grades 9–12, Adult, and Professional Artist. Winners will be announced on America Recycles Day, November 15. More information is available at NevadaRecycles.nv.gov. Or contact Rachel Lewison at rlewison@ndep.nv.gov or 702-486-2850 ext. 268

Below are photos of some of last year's winners. All of the winning projects from previous years can be viewed at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nevadarecycles/albums/72157690643328216/with/37933915951/>



Events for September – Northeast

- **Wednesday, September 12** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, September 25** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, September 27** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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National Public Lands Day

LOGANDALE TRAILS

September 22, 2018

<p>SPECIAL EVENT INSIDE AN EVENT!!!</p> <p>LOGANDALE TRAILS JR. RANGER WORKSHOP !!</p> <p>Sign up that morning!</p> <p>Kids participate in 3-5 events, complete the activities, and then are sworn in as OFFICIAL Logandale Trails Jr. Rangers!!!</p> <p>Plus get a fun badge... & more!</p>		<p>Wear work clothes. Gloves, tools, & supplies will be provided.</p> <p>GOOFY (OR GREAT) DOOR PRIZES AFTER LUNCH!</p> <p>Ride the trails picking up trash or clean graffiti off of rocks.</p> <p>Build a kiosk, clean campsites, paint, or install safety signage.</p> <p>Work, play, have loads of fun!!!</p>
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What: Family-friendly, fun volunteer day	
Where: Main Trailhead	
When: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm	
	
<p>For more information: email picorg@mvdsl.com, call 702-219-2033, or check out our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/logandaletrails/</p>	
<p>Another partnership between the Las Vegas BLM Office and Partners In Conservation.</p>	

Events for September – Southeast

- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club, Ages 5–11, 4 pm**
- **Tuesday, September 4** – Music Club: Drumming Fun at the Laughlin Library, Ages 8–11, 4 pm**
- **Thursday, September 6** – Monster Story Time at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4 pm**
- **Fridays, September 7 & 28** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, popcorn is provided, 2 pm**
- **Monday, September 10** – LVCCLD Website 101 at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, September 11** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm**
- **Fridays, September 14 & 28 at the Laughlin Library** – Kids Craft Corner, Ages 5–11, 3 pm**
- **Saturday, September 18** – Saturday Readers Book Club: *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict, Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Tuesday, September 18** – Device Advice at the Laughlin Library, 11 am to 1 pm**
- **Thursday, September 20** – Teens Take on Video: Creating, Laughlin Library, Ages 12–17, 4 pm
- **Sunday, September 23** – Teens Take on Video: Editing, Laughlin Library, Ages 12–17, 1:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 25** – Art Club: Tie-Dye Tissues Designs at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4 pm
- **Wednesday, September 26** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, September 26** – Laughlin Writers at the Laughlin Library: Local writers, both published and unpublished, come together to improve their craft and share their passions, 2 pm

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Saturday, September 8, 2018
Saturday, September 15, 2018
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Materials will be provided for audition.
Performance will be February 9, 2019.*
For more information, please call
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THE SIX-WEEK CURE:

DIVORCE RANCHES IN NEVADA

Presented by Courtney Mooney

In a bold move to counter the effects of the Great Depression, Nevada legalized gambling and reduced the residency requirement to obtain a divorce to six weeks in 1931. From then on, divorce-seekers from all over the United States, mostly women, thronged to Nevada to obtain a divorce. Many of those who came required a level of privacy and seclusion not possible at urban hotels and motels. Meanwhile, local ranches outside of town began accepting paying guests to help make ends meet during the Depression. This combination of factors gave rise to the guest ranch, often referred to as a "dude ranch," or, sometimes, "divorce ranch."

Courtney Mooney is the senior historic preservation planner and architectural historian for North Wind Resource Consulting. Prior to this, Ms. Mooney was the city of Las Vegas historic preservation officer for 14 years. Ms. Mooney's interest in divorce ranches began while researching the history of Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs in Las Vegas. Thus far, most of the available research has focused on divorce ranches in and around Reno, Nevada as the once "divorce capital of the world." Ms. Mooney hopes to shift the balance by tracking down as much information as possible on the southern Nevada divorce ranches and write a reference book for researchers.

Friday,
September 21st.

@ 1pm

Laughlin Library

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Rocky's Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

Rocky is 10 months old now and has become very helpful around the ranch. As you can see in the photos below, he has a wide variety of duties including: pool deck modification supervision, tractor escorting, water quality testing, inter-species communication, goat feeding management, and horse saddling consultation. When he isn't keeping up with his chores, he enjoys exploring all areas of the property, randomly sprinting from one place to another, and braying early in the morning to make sure everyone wakes up on time.



You may have noticed that Rocky is less "fluffy" these days. He was shedding his baby fur and it was becoming matted and pulling on his skin. We decided to help him out by clipping off his shaggy coat. Although he wasn't completely thrilled with getting shaved, he seems much happier and cooler now.

