

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Rural Roadtrip of the Month:

## Desert National Wildlife Refuge's Corn Creek Station

Created in 1936 to provide habitat and protection for desert bighorn sheep, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge (DNWR) is the largest wildlife refuge outside of Alaska. At 1.6 million acres, the refuge can cover Rhode Island twice – and still have enough room left over for a quarter of a million football fields. Teeming with diversity over a vast landscape that includes 6 major mountain ranges and 7 distinct life zones, DNWR boasts over 500 plant species as it transitions from the Mojave to the Great Basin Desert.

A great introduction to the Refuge is a trip to the award winning Visitor Center at Corn Creek Station. It is excellent both as a destination and a starting point. The 11,000 square foot building has interpretive exhibits, a gift shop/bookstore, classrooms, and administrative offices. You can also enjoy a beautiful film all about the refuge and the many species of wildlife that call it home. After looking through the exhibits in the Visitor Center, set out on one of the five trails, three of which are ADA accessible. Take a peek at the endangered Pahrump poolfish in the refugium on your way to the Railroad Tie Cabin. Built with railroad ties from the abandoned Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad, old scars from the railroad spikes still mark the walls of the 1920s historic home. The banner photo at the top of the page shows one of the beautiful views from the Visitor Center.

Currently you can join a bird watching hike on Saturdays and Sundays at 9 am. The 1 mile hike along the Corn Creek trails will allow you to search for and identify the birds that call the oasis their home. Suitable for all levels of experience, all you need to bring is your binoculars and your sense of adventure.

To get to the Corn Creek Visitor Center from the Las Vegas area, take US-95 North. At 6 miles past the Snow Mountain exit, turn right on Corn Creek Road. Continue down the paved road 4 miles to the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Thursday.

If you want to explore further or try many of the outdoor activities in the DNWR, including Camping, Hiking, Hunting and Wildlife Viewing, you can find more information at the Visitor Center or their website:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desert/>



## Events for March – 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+ 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, March 16 – Indian Springs TAB\*** meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, March 30 – Mt. Charleston TAB** meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board

## Trolls Movie & Craft Day In Indian Springs





## Events for March – 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
- **Wednesday, March 15** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, March 28** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, March 30** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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**Moapa Valley Days**  
**Street Fair-Vendor Booths**  
**Community Yard Sale**  
**Two Days of Family Fun**  
[moapavalleychamber.com](http://moapavalleychamber.com)

MV ART GUILD PRESENTS  
 SPRING ART SHOW  
 AND SALE



MARCH 10 (12 TO 6 P.M.)  
 AND  
 MARCH 11 (10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.)  
 OLD LOGANDALE SCHOOL  
 OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS



Missoula Children's Theatre provides a unique experience for the youth of the community. Auditions for students K–12 will take place at the beginning of the week. In one week, the cast will learn a full scale musical to be performed on that Saturday! Within each MCT cast, girls and boys are equal; the disabled become able; the shy experiment with bravery; the shows are rehearsed to perfection; and the gifted become part of the whole. The lesson they learn is that all of them are necessary for the show to go on. Come support the youth in their end of week performances of "The Princess and the Pea". March 11, 2017, 2:00pm and 6:00 pm at the Mack Lyon Middle School Theater, 179 S Andersen, Overton. \$8 adults \$6 students and seniors \$30 family

## 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, March 6** – Coffee and Donuts at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 8 to 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, March 7** – American Legion Meeting at the Keystone in Sandy Valley, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday & Sunday, March 4 & 5** – Little Britches Rodeo at the Keystone’s BJC Arena, 9 am
- **Saturday, March 11** – Keystone Enrichment Foundation Meeting, Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 9 am
- **Tuesday, March 14** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 14** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 15** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mountain Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, March 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, March 27** – Board meeting at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 11 am
- **Tuesday, March 28** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 29** – Red Rock CAC meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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



## News From Searchlight by Sandra Walters



The Searchlight Gold Diggers Red Hatters met on Thursday, February 16th and enjoyed a fun lunch at the Outback Steak House, in the Aquarius, in Laughlin, NV Carolyn McCauley was the hostess this month.

The Tuesday afternoon "bring your lunch and play a game" events have been fun with some high score in each set of games. Jodi Callingham was the big winner on the 7th, with Tom Hill the winner on the 14th and Richard Barnhart was the winner on the 21st. Yahtzee is the game of choice and there is great laughter and chatter the whole afternoon. We are hoping to increase the attendance for this event.

At the Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting on the 15th Kyle Myers was appointed to keep up with the streets and street light in Searchlight. He will tell the proper authorities where the street lights are out and what roads are in need of attention.

The storm drain issue was also a topic of discussion as the last major storm did some damage here as well as in other parts of the county.

## Events for March – 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, March 5** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, BFG, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, March 9** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Saturday, March 11 (7 to 10 pm) & Sunday, March 12 (6 to 9 pm)** – Murder in the Library. This beloved annual event is back! Pick only one night to attend this special after-hours event and solve the murder mystery. Pre-registration is required, so call 702-507-4063 to sign up today.
- **Friday, March 17 & 31** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, March 19** – Origami Paper Folding class at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, March 19** – Tea at Three – sample new teas at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, March 14** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 15** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, March 23 and Sunday, March 26** – Adult Coloring at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, March 30** – Pokemon Club at the Laughlin Library for ages 5-11, 4 pm\*\*
- **Friday, March 24** – “1977+” Long-time resident Bob Bilbray tells his story of the development of Laughlin from 1977 up until the present day. Questions and old pictures welcome! (Presented in partnership with the Colorado River Museum and Historical Society) 2 p.m.

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

## Photography Exhibit at the Laughlin Library Gallery

“Havana: In the Times of Fidel” by Armand Thomas will be on display in the Laughlin Library Gallery from March 26<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit features photo of the Cuban capital and its people from before the restoration of the diplomatic relations with the US and the death of Fidel Castro. For more information about the artist and to see some of this photos (including the ones below) visit: <http://www.armandthomas.com/>



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

Sandy Valley 4-H Boxing Club  
By Isabela Gonzalez

The Sandy Valley 4-H Boxing Club is coached by Ricardo Gonzalez and assistant coached by Scott Brown. Coach Gonzalez describes our purpose as a boxing club: "To use the sweet science of Boxing to promote fitness, sportsmanship, and commitment through functional strength training, mentor-ship and community involvement." The first class was on January 21st and we meet 3 times a week. At our first couple of classes the kids were working on their foot work and their fight stance. Now the kids are working on their foot work, shadow boxing, and hitting mitts the punching bag and the dummy. After the class we all eat a potluck dinner that the moms provide. At the end of each class we end with a cheer "WHO ARE WE? SANDY VALLEY!!!"



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

February has been has been busy! Fern and Wilbur are weighing about 200 pounds now. We just increased their feed. The minimum weight for fair is 230 pounds, so with a month and half left before fair I am confident that they will make weight. I will only be able to enter one into the fair. The other pig is my alternate and was purchased just in case something happens to my pig and I cannot show her. But I have to register him at the preliminary weigh in as an alternate or he will not be registered for show as my backup. If all goes well he will be put in our freezer.



I will be starting my letters next month. That is very time consuming! But a very important element in a winning market project. It doesn't matter how well I do at the show if I don't sell her at the auction. I will include one in my next article, so you can consider yourself formally invited to our livestock auction.

Until next month, I will keep feeding and exercising, (and writing).