

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Great Entries at the Annual Horse & Rider Costume Contest

The Sandy Valley Play Day Association held its annual Horse and Rider Costume Contest at the BJC Arena on Saturday, October 21st. The participants came up with some very creative and fun costumes this year. The entries included a barista with a mini Frappuccino, a Police Officer and his prisoner, the Goddess Persephone, and an adorable mini circus elephant with her doggie sidekick! The audience showed their appreciation with cheers and applause as the contestant led their horses along the arena. The judges had a very tough decision, but the winners were: 1st – the Wizard of Oz, 2nd – the Dukes of Hazard (with a mini Uncle Jesse!), 3rd – the John Deere Tractor.



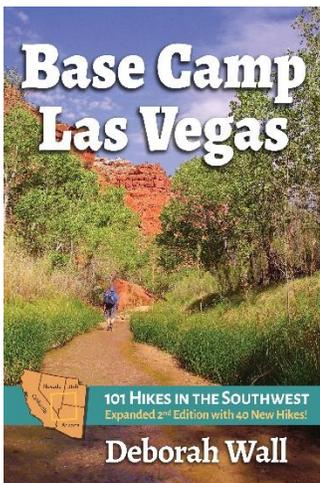
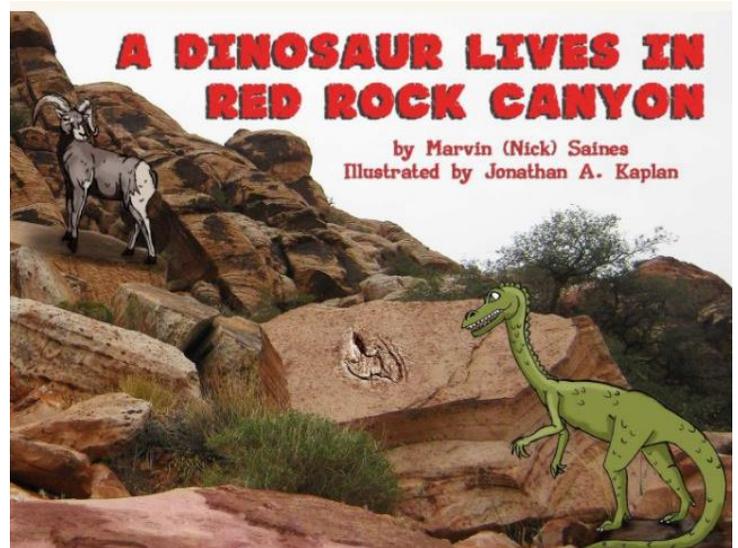
Fun (and frights) for All at the Sandy Valley Trunk or Treat



Second Sunday at Red Rock: Artists and Authors

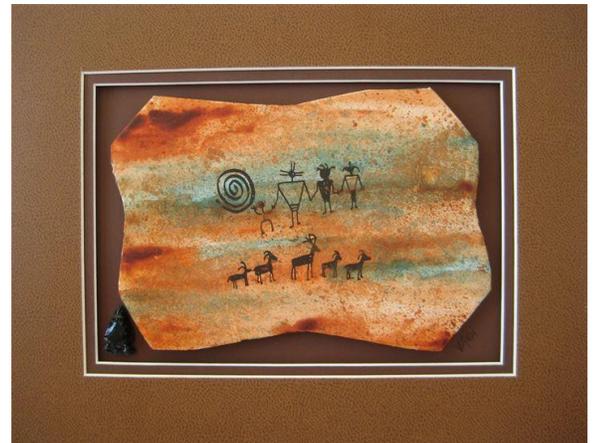
Visit with local Artists and Authors at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor's Center from 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday, November 12th. The event is free, but visitors will have to pay the \$7 fee (per personal vehicle) to enter Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

A Dinosaur Lives in Red Rock Canyon is a children's story about a dinosaur that comes to life in Red Rock Canyon. This book was inspired by an actual fossilized dinosaur footprint discovered by the author: local interpretive naturalist/geologist Marvin "Nick" Saines. Come meet Nick and signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.



Deborah Wall is a freelance writer and photographer specializing in both adventure travel and family excursions. She writes an outdoor column for View Community Newspapers, a division of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. A lifelong hiker, she has been a ski racer and has taught skiing and sailing. A former television producer and news anchor, she also worked as a model for skiing and outdoor publications. This book, her fourth, is an expanded and updated edition of Base Camp Las Vegas a best-selling hiking guide first published in 2010. She won a Nevada Press Association award for excellence and writes columns on BaseCampGuides.com She will be doing a book signing and answering questions about hiking in the area.

Mark Vranesh's art has been influenced by his love the southwest and those who came before us. Vranesh creates petroglyph images and landscapes in his unique approach to painting. This self-taught painter combines his watercolor impressionism with handmade paper, pastels, photography and natural fiber collage. "My art is a reflection of my experiences, travels and inner feelings. Inspired by nature's beauty and a sense of place, I hope to capture the joys of which we all share." Now traveling between his studios in Las Vegas and Sedona, he enjoys a charmed life. Teaching and promoting other artists have enriched his own art career which now spans more than three decades. Mark Vranesh will be doing an art demo and will have a children's project to hand out.



Events for November – Southwest

- **Mondays at the Keystone in Sandy Valley** – Free Low-Impact Yoga and Qigong, 9:30 am
- **Friday, November 3** – General meeting and Potluck at the SV Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Saturday, November 11** – Final Competition in the Sandy Valley Play Day Association Series, sign ups at 9 and ride starts at 10 at the Keystone Center
- **Monday, November 13** – Holiday craft class – turkeys, pumpkins and pilgrims! 18 and over, 6:30 pm, \$2 per project
- **Tuesday, November 14** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 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
- **Wednesday, November 29** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

The History of Daylight Savings Time

While Germany and Austria were the first countries to use DST in 1916, it is a little-known fact that a few hundred Canadians beat the German Empire by 8 years. On July 1, 1908, the residents of Port Arthur, Ontario, today's Thunder Bay, turned their clocks forward by 1 hour to start the world's first DST period. Other locations in Canada soon followed suit. On April 23, 1914, Regina in Saskatchewan implemented DST. The cities of Winnipeg and Brandon in Manitoba did so on April 24, 1916. According to the April 3, 1916, edition of the Manitoba Free Press, Daylight Saving Time in Regina “proved so popular that bylaw now brings it into effect automatically”.

However, the idea did not catch on globally until Germany introduced DST in 1916. Clocks in the German Empire, and its ally Austria, were turned ahead by 1 hour on April 30, 1916—2 years into World War I. The rationale was to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort. Within a few weeks, the idea was followed by the United Kingdom, France, and many other countries. Most of them reverted to standard time after World War I, and it wasn't until the next World War that DST made its return in most of Europe.

If you think Daylight Saving Time is a good idea, thank New Zealand scientist George Vernon Hudson and British builder William Willett. In 1895, Hudson presented a paper to the Wellington Philosophical Society, proposing a 2-hour shift forward in October and a 2-hour shift back in March. There was interest in the idea, but it was never followed through.

In 1905, independently from Hudson, British builder William Willett suggested setting the clocks ahead 20 minutes on each of the 4 Sundays in April, and switching them back by the same amount on each of the 4 Sundays in September, a total of 8 time switches per year.

Willett's Daylight Saving plan caught the attention of the British Member of Parliament Robert Pearce who introduced a bill to the House of Commons in February 1908. The first Daylight Saving Bill was drafted in 1909, presented to Parliament several times and examined by a select committee. However, the idea was opposed by many, especially farmers, so the bill was never made into a law. Willett died in 1915, the year before the United Kingdom started using DST in May 1916. It is not known if he was aware that his idea had become a reality 7 years prior to his death in a small town in Ontario.

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ISVFD Annual Halloween Spooktacular

Through the hard work of the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. and Parks & Rec staff, the Indian Springs Community Center was turned into a land of Halloween fun for this year's Spooktacular. Inside the building were games, treats and face painting. Outside, there was live music, trunk or treating, and the High Desert Seniors' Annual Chili cook-off. Judging by the smiling faces in these pictures, there was plenty of fun for everyone.



Events for November – 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
- **Weekdays at Indian Spring Elementary School** – After School Safekey Program. A recreational program for children in grades K–6. Participants must be at least 5 years of age or in kindergarten, through 13 years of age at the start of the school year in order to participate. After school until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per day per participant. For more information or to register your child, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room located next to the elementary school playground
- **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, November 11** – High Desert Seniors “Thanks Veterans” Potluck, Ham and Turkey provided, bring sides and desserts to share, Secret Santa names will be drawn, 2 to 4 pm at the Indian Springs Community Center
- **Thursday, November 16** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Monday, November 20** – Movie and a Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center: Home Alone, 1 pm
- **Saturday, November 25** – High Desert Seniors Pancake Breakfast at the Indian Springs Community Center, 8 to 10 am.
- **Thursday, November 30** – Bingo at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, November 30** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board



A Brief History of Daylight Savings Time

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Although modern DST has only been used for about 100 years, ancient civilizations are known to have engaged in comparable practices thousands of years ago. For example, the Roman water clocks used different scales for different months of the year to adjust the daily schedules to the solar time.

Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over 1 billion people every year. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another.

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/history.html>

Events for November – Northeast

- **Wednesday, November 16** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids, Ages 3–5, 11:15 am; Computer Topics, 3 pm; Hands on Computer Help, 4 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Mousers, Ages 2–5, 11:15 am; Anime Otaku Club, 2:30 pm; LEGO Club, Ages 6–11, 4 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer Class, 3 pm; Computer Logic & Programming, 4:30 pm
- **Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Stay and Play, Ages 0–5, 11:15 am; Homework Hangout, 3 pm
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots, Ages 0–3, 4 pm; Discovery Lab, Ages 6–11, 4 pm
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Friday Fun Time, Ages 0–5, 11:15 am; Move & Groove, Ages 0–5, 11:15 am; Teen Space, 2:30 pm
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game On, 12 pm; Crafternoon, 2 pm
- **Saturday, November 11 and 25** – Adult Coloring Club at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Saturday, November 18** – Shakespeare Reading Party at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Monday, November 20** – Fantasy Book Club at the Moapa Valley Library, 4pm
- **Tuesday, November 28** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, November 30** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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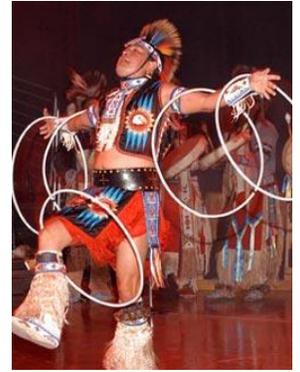
Mural To Be Installed at Old Logandale School

A new mural celebrating the history, buildings and people of the Moapa Valley Pioneers is being installed at the Old Logandale School. Alamo artist Heidi Leavitt's mural, "Valued Foundation" was one of three finalists for the Overton Community Center in a contest held earlier this year. The panel of judges chose another mural for that building, but Leavitt's grandfather, local resident Paul Lewis, felt strongly that the stories depicted in the mural needed to be told and remembered. He felt that her mural should find a permanent home in the community. Lewis commissioned Leavitt to paint the mural and searched for a place to display it. It was decided that the Old Logandale School Historical and Cultural Society, a whole museum dedicated to preserving Moapa Valley history, would be the perfect location. For more on this story, visit: <http://mvprogress.com/2017/10/25/artists-mural-to-be-unveiled-at-old-logandale-school-event/>



Derrick Suwaima Davis to Perform at Laughlin Library

On Thursday, November 9 at 2 p.m. Derrick Suwaima Davis, Seven Time World Champion Hoop Dancer, will be performing at the Laughlin Library. Suwaima Davis (Hopi/Choctaw) is a master at maneuvering five rattan hoops around his body, creating intricate patterns and conveying the Hopi story of creation through his hoops while keeping time to the singing and drumming of the musicians behind him. Davis returns to Laughlin to celebrate Native American Heritage Month and share his culture, history, and demonstrate why he is a seven-time world championship hoop dancer in a program for all ages!



Events for November – 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
- **Saturday, November 4** – Children's Craft at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 3 pm**
- **Sunday, November 5** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Sunday, November 12** – Tea at Three is BACK at the Laughlin Library. Drop in, bring a friend, and sample what may turn out to be your favorite drink. Free tea and cookies will be provided. 3 pm
- **Tuesday, November 14** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 15** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, November 15** – Laughlin Master Gardeners at the Laughlin Library, 10 am



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Letter from the Editor: Thank You and an Update

I received so many lovely comments in response to the story about losing my horse – thank you all for being so kind. She will always have a special place in my heart. But, I am happy to announce that I have found a new horse to love. He is a 16 year old Paint gelding named Ringo. At the beginning of October, just a couple of days after I brought him home, we won

3rd place in an obstacle competition. Then, my niece came to visit and she learned to ride on him. We have also done plenty of trail riding, competed in a Play Day (where he even let me dress him up in a Halloween costume!) and then yesterday we brought home 2nd place in another obstacle competition. He is definitely a keeper!

