



# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Sandy Valley 4-H wins big at the Clark County Fair

The Sandy Valley 4-H kids have been preparing for the Fair all year and their hard work definitely paid off. Not only did they win many ribbons & recognition - but they seemed to have a great time, too! The fashion show on Sunday was particularly entertaining with entrants ranging from a chicken dressed as Darth Vader to Michael Jackson to Joan of Arc. Congratulations to everyone!!



### First Place

- Container Garden - Junior
- Cupcake decorating - Junior & Intermediate
- Demonstrations (public speaking) - Jr. & Inter.
- Chicken Showmanship - Intermediate
- Digital Photography - youth
- Club Pallet Garden
- Animal Fashion show:
  - Creativity
  - Construction
  - Continuity
  - Best for the animal
  - Judges' choice
- Caged Chicken: Bantam Rooster, Best of show



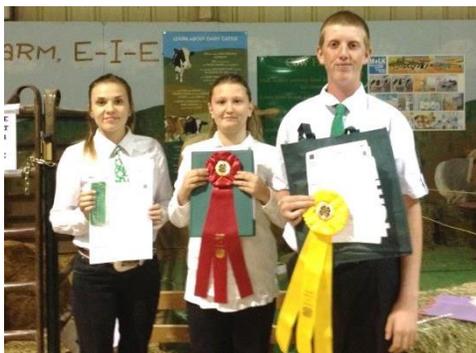
### Second Place

- Container Garden - Junior
- Demonstrations - Inter. & Senior
- Caged Chicken: Bantam Rooster



### Third Place

- Container Garden - Intermediate
- Demonstration - Senior
- Cupcake decorating - Intermediate
- Caged Chicken Show: Bantam Hen



### Judge's Choice

- Crochet Bag - youth
- Digital Photography - youth x2

(age divisions: Jr 9-10; Intermediate 11-13; Sr 14-19)

Photos courtesy of Christine Brown & Jen Whitchurch

## Events for May – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Saturday and Sunday, May 2 & 3** – 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Goodsprings Old Timers Reunion
- **Monday, May 4 & 18** – Coffee and donuts at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 8 – 10:30 am
- **Tuesdays in May** – Adult Teen Basketball 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Sandy Valley School Gym\*\*
- **Thursday, May 7** – Mother’s Day Storytime at the Blue Diamond Library, stories, songs and a craft, 3:30 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, May 7** – Mother’s Day Craft & Party, 4:30 pm at the Sandy Valley Community Center
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 13** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, May 14** – Movie night, 5 pm at the Sandy Valley Community Center\*\*
- **Saturday, May 16** – Annual Spring Fling and Horse Shoe Tournament starting at 12 noon and Open Mic Talent Show at 6 pm in Blue Diamond Park presented by the Blue Diamond Recreation Association
- **Saturday, May 16** – Spring Fling at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 10 am to 3 pm. Vendors, games, raffles – fun for the whole family.
- **Saturday, May 16** – Hunter Education Class, 9 am – 5 pm at the Sandy Valley Community Center.\*\*
- **Saturday, May 16** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy
- **Tuesday, May 26** – Goodsprings CAC\* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, May 27**– Red Rock CAC\* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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

## Scholarship Opportunities for Goodsprings Area



The Goodsprings Historical Society is offering 2 scholarship programs this year with the intent to foster among K-12 age students living in the Goodsprings Township (Goodsprings, Jean, Sandy Valley, Sloan and Primm) an interest in the history, prehistory and natural history of the Township and its environs, and to encourage advanced study and higher education for such students. The first, a mini-grant, is given to fund materials for a small project up to \$100. The scholarship proposal can be in the amount of \$250-\$1000. The subject of the proposal/mini-grant can be history, natural history or archeology. Applications will be available soon at the Goodsprings library. A Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and determine proposals to accept. They will also monitor progress of proposals before awarding money. For more information contact Steve Fleming at 702-874-5223 or Goodsprings Library at 702-874-1366 or visit <http://goodsprings.org/awards.php>

# Sandy Valley students perform live with Foreigner

The Sandy Valley High School students had the opportunity to perform “I Want to Know What Love Is” with the band Foreigner at the Star of the Arena at Buffalo Bill’s Hotel in Primm, Nevada on April 25, 2015. Foreigner is donating \$500 to Sandy Valley’s Music Program. The students also sold CDs to raise money for Foreigner’s charity partner, The Grammy Foundation. The Grammy Foundation’s objective is to keep music education alive in our nation’s schools.



# Sandy Valley School to present Oliver Twist



# OLIVER TWIST

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Sandy Valley School will present the play, Oliver Twist, along with a whole afternoon of fun and activities. The Oliver Twist carnival will be held from 3 pm to 5:45 pm with games including fishing, tic tac toe, a cupcake walk, football toss, “tape the Principal to the wall” and a pie throw at the Vice Principal and Counselor! The Fire Department and the Booster Club will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs. Cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones will also be available for purchase. There will also be a gift basket raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be given to those that donate school supplies (see list below.) The play will then begin at 6 pm. The actors have been practicing since February and Pastor Mike Imus of the Sandy Valley Community Church has recently been cast in the part of Fagin. This is sure to be a great evening for the whole family! For more information or if you would like to donate a gift basket, contact Electra Smith at 702-370-6297.

### School Supply Donation Wish List

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| Pack of Loose leaf paper – 2 tickets   | Box of #2 Pencils – 2 tickets              |
| Pink erasers – 1 ticket                | Box of 24 crayons – 1 ticket               |
| Box of colored pencils – 1 ticket      | Kleenex box, sm – 1 ticket, lg – 2 tickets |
| Glue sticks – 1 ticket                 | Glue – 1 ticket                            |
| Folders with double pockets – 1 ticket | Composition books – 1 ticket               |

## Sandy Valley's First Color Run a Success

The Sandy Valley School Student Council (STUCO) kicked off a color run in Sandy Valley on April 11, 2015. With 50+ entries the run started at the Trails End General Store and ended at Peace Park. Runners were squirted with bright colored powder along the running path. Once they arrived at the Park, there was food and games. Included was a game with more color in water balloons and the Fire Department was there for a little water fun. All in all it was a successful event and there is talk about doing it again.



## Dogs strut their stuff at the Spring Fling Dog Show

The Keystone Foundation held its annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25 in Sandy Valley. The blustery weather did not interrupt the fun as attendees enjoyed food, vendors, activities, 4-H displays and roping practice out in the arena. In addition to the other great events, a dog show was held at 1

pm and the entrants ranged from tiny Chihuahuas to a curly tailed pug to a fluffy Australian Shepherd. The competition was fierce, especially in the best trick category, but everyone had a lot of fun and the winners enjoyed their dog toys and rawhide bones.



## Events for May– Northwest

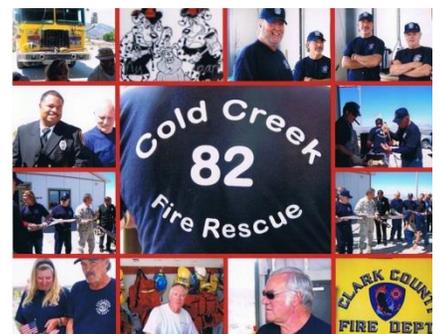
- **Tuesdays** – Bring Your Own Project at the Indian Springs Community Center, bring your craft project, couponing or anything else you need to work on, 5–7 pm\*\*
- **Tuesdays & Fridays** – Evening Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center. Access to the Wii on the big screen TV, pool table, air hockey, basketball game, card and board games, 7–9 pm. \*\*
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am\*\*
- **Wednesdays** – Knitting & crochet group at the Mt. Charleston library, 12 pm
- **Wednesday, May 6** –Mother’s Day Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, We will be making a wonderful craft & enjoying a snack. 3:30 pm Cost \$1\*\*
- **Thursday, May 7** – Game night at the Indian Springs Community Center, 16 years and older, come hang out with your friends and make some new ones, play games, chat, read or relax, 7–9 pm
- **Saturday, May 9** – High Desert Seniors Luau at the Indian Springs Community Center from 3–5 pm – good food and lots of fun. Traditional luau menu featuring underground roasted pig. Long rice, beans, coleslaw and pineapple cake. All are welcome. Tickets on sale now – \$10 general, \$8 for members
- **Thursday, May 14** – Indian Springs TAB\* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, May 21** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older\*\*
- **Saturday, May 23** – Indian Springs High Desert Seniors end of season BBQ from 3–5 pm at the Indian Springs Community Center. Bring your favorite meat to BBQ. Say good bye for the summer – meetings will resume in September.
- **Thursday, May 28** – Mt. Charleston TAB\* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board \*\*For information contact Teresa Hazel at 702-879-3890

## Pancake Breakfast at the Cold Creek Fire Station

Clark County Fire Station 82 – home of the Cold Creek Volunteer Firefighters is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 2 from 7 to 11 am. A \$7 donation will not only get you a delicious plate of pancakes, sausage and eggs, but also help raise funds for the Station. If you haven’t been to Cold Creek before, this would be a great opportunity to visit and enjoy the fresh mountain air, wildlife viewing and recreational opportunities in this beautiful area. To get to Cold Creek, head north on US

95. About 5.5 miles past the Lee Canyon turnoff you will see the signs for Cold Creek (and the 2 prisons.) Turn left and follow Cold Creek Road west for about 13 miles. Be cautious of burros and wild horses on the road. The Fire Station will be the first building you come to on the right.



# Indian Springs' 2015 Spring Festival fun for all

Clark County Parks & Recreation, the Indian Springs Schools, the High Desert Seniors and many other groups and individuals worked together to present the 2015 Spring Festival for the community of Indian Springs on Saturday, April 18th. Activities included a petting zoo, vehicle displays (with an exciting landing and take-off of a Mercy Air helicopter), a community scavenger hunt, crafts, vendors, BBQ, & chicken splat bingo!



# Memorial Day Weekend Events at Cold Creek

May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Breakfast Burrito Saturday at the Cold Creek Fire Station from 7 am until 12 noon. Then, stick around for the first ever Cold Creek Artisan Fair. The Cold Creek Artisans, a group of talented residents of Cold Creek, will hold their first arts & crafts fair on Saturday, May 23 & Sunday May 24 from 12 noon until 5 pm at the Cold Creek Firehouse. Among the wares on display will be wood art, handmade soaps and oils, photography, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, essential oil tinctures, water colors and other unique items. Everyone is invited! For information contact Sandra at 702-335-0415. To get there, head north on US 95. About 5.5 miles past the Lee Canyon turnoff look for signs for Cold Creek (and the 2 prisons.) Turn left and follow Cold Creek Road west for about 13 miles. Be cautious of burros and wild horses on the road. The Fire Station will be the first building you come to on the right.



## Worth the Trip into Town: The Farm

Located on the Northwest corner of Grand Teton and Tenaya, The Farm, has been providing a unique, rural experience right here in the Las Vegas Valley since 1968. The Farm offers visitors an opportunity to get up close and personal with many different animals, including chickens, peacocks, ducks, a goose, turkeys, goats, pigs, horses, cows, a mule, a llama, rabbits, cats, tortoises and more. Visitors are welcome to feed some of the animals. Bags of pellets or hay are available for a small fee for folks who would like to feed the cows, horses, goats or other animals. Farm staff will provide instruction on exactly which animals to feed and how to do it properly.

Open throughout the year on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as most of the month of October for their Fall Harvest Festival, the hours are 9:00 am till dusk. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 kids old enough to walk. All proceeds go toward the housing, feeding and care of the many animals on the property, many of which are rescues. The Farm has always been a rescue facility and is partnered with Barn Buddies Rescue, a non-profit organization established in 2012. Recent rescues include a tiny baby bunny, two geese and a chicken found in someone's garage. These stories and lots of great photos can be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thelasvegasfarm/timeline>

The Farm offers a variety of products for sale including eggs, honey, seasonal fruits & vegetables, locally made jams, jellies, chutneys, breads and other goodies. Most of the eggs for sale are from happy and healthy chickens, but there is also a limited supply of quail, peacock, duck eggs and even an occasional turkey egg.

The Farm is also available as a venue for birthday parties or other events.

For more information visit: <http://thelasvegasfarm.com/>  
Or call 702-982-8000



## Events for May – Southeast

- **Mondays – Thursdays** – Open recreation at the Searchlight Youth Center, 3:15 – 5:15 pm
- **Mondays** – BINGO at the Slim Kidwell Community Center in Cal–Nev–Ari, 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Senior Center: Walking at 9 am, Resistance Training at 10 am
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Community Center including exercise with the Wii, Genealogy, Card Making, Scrapbooking or bring your ideas to share, 8 am – noon
- **Tuesdays** – Family Storytime at the Laughlin Library for kids ages 0–11 and their parents. 4:30 pm
- **Wednesdays** – LEGO Club Storytime at the Laughlin Library for ages 5–11. Get inspired by a story and create something amazing with LEGOs to display in the library. 4 pm
- **Monday, May 4** – May the Fourth be with you. Star Wars inspired games, crafts and activities for ages 5–11. 4 pm at the Laughlin Library
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 13** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3** – In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, the Baja Days Festival is planned for the Laughlin Riverwalk. Festival will include live music and great food

\*\*For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-6300

## Wings and Wildlife Festival

A myriad of birds and wildlife can be seen throughout the year around Laughlin—some of them are native but there are others that fly in or through from northern states for the winter. The National Park Service, Clark County Parks & Rec, Laughlin Trails Committee, Laughlin Town Manager's Office, Laughlin Chamber of Commerce, NV Dept. of Wildlife, Elks Club and American Legion Post 60 will sponsor this year's event on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10 am to 1 pm at Pyramid Canyon Park & Trails. There will be bird-watching, kite flying, bird house painting, wildlife treasure hunting, live animal displays and the opportunity to do some horse activities and riding. Wings & Wildlife has proven to be a favorite of the young and it is also an educational opportunity for them to learn about birds and wildlife of the desert. With the new Silver Rider Transit service to the Park, everyone can participate and enjoy the mild weather of Spring.

**Wings & Wildlife**

**Saturday, May 9th**  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pyramid Canyon Park & Trails

**Join us for a day full of fun and activities:**

- Bird House Painting
- Wildlife Treasure Hunt
- Birdwatching
- Kite Flying
- Live Animals
- Horse Activities
- And more...

Hamburgers and hot dogs may be purchased throughout the day and a raffle will be held at 12:30. You can receive your raffle tickets for participating in each activity. Don't miss out on learning about the birds and wildlife of the desert and all the exciting activities.

LAUGHLIN

# It's been an eventful Spring in Laughlin!

## Laughlin Senior Games



**TownFest** – The 11th annual Laughlin TownFest was held in the beginning days of April and non-profit organizations along with businesses and individuals offered their services and food to make this year's carnival and Saturday parade very successful. This annual event is always a highlight of the year. Locals visited with each other and enjoyed both the rides and the music.

**River Run** – All the resorts were hosts to the 33rd Annual Laughlin River Run that lasted for five days in April. Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts come to participate in the fun of the largest motorcycle event on the West Coast.

## Laughlin Community Easter Egg Hunt



## CC Fair & Rodeo boasts near record attendance

With 82,796 people attending this year's Clark County Fair the turn-out came within 800 people of beating the record high attendance in 2008. The 5 days of the fair (up from the previous 4 days), beautiful spring weather and additional rodeo events combined to draw the crowds. And, the visitors were not disappointed! The fair offered food, entertainment, displays, rides and fun for everyone. Editor's note: My family has been attending the fair for years and this year was one of the best ever! The exhibits and activities that have been around for years are still great, and some of the newer ones, like the wildlife information tent and fishing experience are fantastic, too! Our family favorites are the pig racing, the Frisbee dogs and the small animal barn – especially the piglets! If you haven't been to the Clark County Fair & Rodeo before, be sure to put it on your must-do list for 2016.



## Station 73 to host 6<sup>th</sup> Annual May Day Open House



On Friday, May 1, VFD Station 73 in Logandale will host their Annual May Day Open House from 4:30 to 6 pm. This will mark the 6th year that the volunteers have opened the station to the community before the G.M. Bowler May Day dance. "Having the Open House before the May Day works out well. We invite the community to come over, have a hot dog, take pictures with the trucks, engines and helicopter, meet the

volunteers and get an up-close look at the equipment before heading over to the dance," said Station 73 Chief Mike Otero. Even though the event is tied to the May Day Dance, the event is open to everyone. As in the past, there will be information tables hosted by various organizations. This year will feature organizations that have a vested interest in bringing members of the community together. There will be a display by the Logandale Trails System, information from the Moapa Valley Revitalization Project, Moapa Valley Preppers, Crafting Angels, and Mercy Air. Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, VFD Station 73's Annual May Day Open House 4:30-6pm behind Bowler Elementary School.

## Events for May – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tutoring & Homework help: free assistance with homework, scholarships, college & job applications, writing & reviewing essays for grades K – college from 1 – 5 pm\*\*
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use at 3 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer topics: learn about aspects of computer use at 3 pm; Computer Programming – learn more about programming, game design & more at 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays at the Bunkerville Library** – Weekly Storytime: stories, songs and a craft, 2 pm, ages 3–5
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tot Storytime: songs & stories for ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am; LEGO Quest: complete a challenge using the LEGOs provided for ages 8+ at 4 pm\*\*
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Baby Lapsit: Songs, fingerplays and Rhymes for babies 0–18 months at 11:15 am; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 to 3 pm, Grades 6 and up; Read with Me: one on one reading practice for ages 3+ from 3 – 5:30 pm; Creative Exploration Lab: hands on exploration of science, technology, art & nature for ages 6–11 at 4 pm\*\*
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on: a game group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play at 12 pm; Crafternoon: all ages welcome to make a new craft every week at 2 pm\*\*
- **Saturday, May 9 & 23** – Ewe & Eye Love to Knit and Crochet at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am\*\*
- **Wednesday, May 13** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, May 16** – Cover 2 Cover Book Club: fun discussion about a different book every month complete with treats & beverages at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am\*\*
- **Tuesday, May 19** – Registration begins for Clark County Parks & Rec summer programs including summer rec, sports camp, itty bitty fun, and adult sports leagues. Call 702–398–7480 for details.
- **Tuesday, May 26** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, May 28** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board \*\*For details call 702–397–2690