

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## April Blooms with Art in the Northwest

Each year the National Fish and Wildlife Service sponsors the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Program, a dynamic art and science-based curriculum that teaches wetland and waterfowl conservation to students. The program encourages them to explore the natural world, invites them to investigate biology and wildlife management principles, and challenges them to express and share what they have learned with others. Over 300 students participated in Nevada's program this year and Elko resident, Mariah Bacon, won Best of Show. Participants were honored at an awards ceremony on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge's Corn Creek Visitor Center.



The artwork of the Best of Show winner and grade level winners artwork is currently on display at the visitor center. Hours of operation are Thursday through Monday, 8-4:30.



The Indian Springs Library held a Spring Art Show on the afternoon of Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Entry was open to all Indian Springs residents up to the age of 18. Submissions included acrylics, charcoal, and color pencil. The winners were:

- Audience's Pick - Makayla C.
- Artist's Pick - Tory L.
- Panel's Pick - Katelyn S.



Residents, family, friends, and the artists attended the show and were able to help select the winners. The top entries are on display in the library at the Indian Springs Community Center at 715 Gretta Lane. Everyone is welcome to come by and view the art. Library hours are 11 am to 7 pm Tuesday through Thursday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays.

*Thank you to Frank Mayfielder for this month's banner photo at the top of the page!*

# No Age Limit on Fun and Games in Indian Springs

**Just for FUN SOFTBALL**  
**@ Trucks Field**  
 Saturday  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

All residents 18 and over are welcome to participate. There are no designated teams, if you would like to play, be at the field by 6:30pm for team selection.

Clark County Parks & Recreation  
 Indian Springs Community Center  
 (702) 879-3890

Clark County Parks and Recreation in Indian Springs had their first “Just For Fun” Adult Softball game at Truck Field on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Participants had a great time and the next game is planned for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Any players that want to participate should meet at the field by 6:30 pm for team selection.



This year’s Thunderbird Warrior Competition will be held on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Indian Springs. This competition, sponsored by the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department Station 83 and Clark County Parks and Recreation, is a fun day of obstacles and challenges that is open to kids from 5 to 18 years of age and is not limited to Indian Springs residents only.



**Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017**

## **Thunderbird Warrior Competition**

**Entry fee is \$25.00.**  
**Date of competition is May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**  
**Deadline to enter is May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Age Divisions:**

5-7 Years Old	8-10 Years Old
11-13 Years Old	14-18 Years Old

Entry forms are available from  
 Toni Nichlos at 702-373-2261 or Jessy Fannin at 702-672-7343.

**Thunderbird Warrior Competition is sponsored by the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department Station 83 with support from Clark County Parks and Recreation.**

## Events for May – Northwest

- **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
- **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, and just enjoy company, 10 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
- **Thursdays at the Indian Springs Community Center** – Dance yourself into shape, 18 and over, 10am
- **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, use the north entrance to the building
- **Saturdays, May 6, 13 and 20** – Youth Baseball, T-Ball at 9 am, Rookies at 10:15 & Minors at 11:30 am
- **Monday, May 8** – Mother’s Day Kid’s Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 2:45 pm, \$1
- **Thursday, May 11** – Indian Springs TAB\* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, May 25** – Bingo at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, May 27** – Thunderbird Warrior Competition, see details on previous page
- **Thursday, June 1** – Mt. Charleston TAB\* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board



## Family Fun at Sandy Valley's Spring Fling

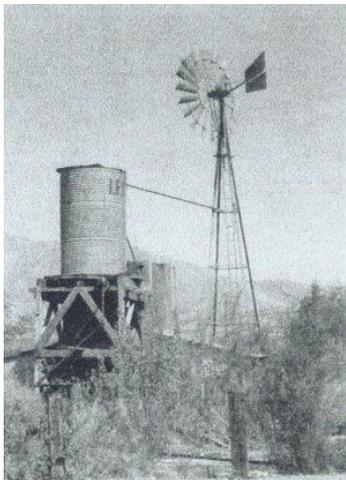
Sandy Valley's Annual Spring Fling was held at the Keystone Center on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and offered something for everyone. Little Britches Rodeo was going on in the BJC Arena. People could watch some great rodeo competition featuring several local riders that are headed to Oklahoma for the National Finals this summer. The outdoor market offered products from local artisans. At lunchtime, attendees were treated to "Vittles and a Show." Attendees ate chili from Pastor Mike's "Hot Rod" Grill while enjoying the music and dancing of Mama's Wranglers inside. Mama's Wranglers is a family of singers, musicians and dancers that put on a really fun show that had everyone singing and dancing along. (<http://www.firelightbarn.com/index.html>) After the show, everyone headed back outside to enjoy the gorgeous spring weather and a demonstration by dog trainer Tommy Scolaro from MP K-9 training.



For more information about Mama's Wranglers and their dinner theater in downtown Henderson visit: <http://www.firelightbarn.com/index.html>



## Goodsprings' 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Timer's Reunion



You don't have to be an old-timer to love Goodsprings and its history. Come meet your friends and neighbors, see early photos, hear stories of early mining history, enjoy a great old-time potluck lunch and find out what the Goodsprings Historical Society is all about. Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> starts out with Registration and Donuts at the Community Center at 8:30. The students of the Goodsprings School will be performing the "Three Piggy Opera" at 11:30 am followed by the Potluck from noon - 1:30 pm. Bring your favorite meat dish, salad, or dessert to serve at least 8 people. At 2:30, the Goodsprings Historical Society will hold their annual meeting. Food and fellowship on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with a Miner's Breakfast from 8 to 11 am. Throughout the weekend enjoy the history displays or take a walking tour around town.

# Sandy Valley's Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Peace Park

The Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Peace Park on Easter Sunday. Hundreds of kids had a great time racing for eggs and receiving Easter baskets from the Easter Bunny.



# Parks and Recreation's May Movie Mania in Sandy Valley



**CLARK COUNTY NEVADA**

Sandy Valley Community Center

**Movie**  
*in the park!*

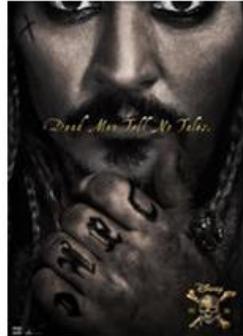
Join us for  
**Moana**  
Popcorn, Snow-cones, and Candy!

May 20th at 7:30pm, get your Seat  
Movie Starts at 8:00pm  
Bring blankets and chairs

Shawna: (702) 723-5040

Clark County Parks & Rec.  
Sandy Valley Community Center

**Movie field Trip**



On May 27, 2017

9 lucky patrons will be chauffeured into Las Vegas to see:  
*Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Men Tell No Tales,*  
Rated PG-13, have a meal after the movie.

The Cost is \$25.00    Van Departure: 9:00 AM

Sign up and get your tickets by May 16, 2017 from Shawna Robinson @ Sandy Valley Community Center

Bring a jacket and extra money for goodies.

**CLARK COUNTY NEVADA**

Clark County Parks & Rec. Sandy Valley Community Center  
450 W. Quartz Ave.  
HCR 31 Box 372  
Sandy Valley NV 89019

Phone: 702-723-5040  
Fax: 702-723-5559  
E-mail: shawna@clarkcountynv.gov

## Events for May – Southwest

- **Tuesday, May 2** – American Legion Meeting at the Keystone in Sandy Valley, 6:30 pm
- **Friday, May 5** – General Meeting and Potluck at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Tuesday, May 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 9** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 13** – Keystone Enrichment Foundation Meeting, Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 9 am
- **Saturday, May 13** – Play Day Show Series at BJC Arena at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley – 8am, the Chuck Wagon will be open for breakfast and lunch
- **Monday, May 15** – Coffee and Donuts at the Sandy Valley Senior Center at 8 to 10:30 am
- **Saturday, May 20** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50
- **Saturday, May 20** – Movie in the Park, see ad below for details
- **Saturday, May 27** – Movie Field Trip, see ad below for details
- **Sunday, May 28** – Movie Night at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 4pm
- **Tuesday, May 30** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 31** – Red Rock CAC meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

## SV Senior Center Quilt Raffle

Stop by the Sandy Valley Senior Center to see this beautiful queen sized quilt that will be raffled in November. Tickets will go on sale at the September pancake breakfast. This quilt is a real group effort with some blocks having been sent in from quilters in California.



# Worth the Trip into Town: Morelli House Tours

In celebration of Nevada's Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month, the Junior League of Las Vegas is offering two free docent-led tours of the Morelli House on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and 1 pm. A classic example of Las Vegas mid-century residential architecture, the Morelli House was built in 1959 by Antonio Morelli, the orchestra conductor and musical director for the Sands Hotel and Casino's Copa Showroom from 1954-1972. In recognition of the musical heritage of this important architectural resource, there will be a performance at 12 pm by the award-winning Celebrity City Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. The house is located at 861 East Bridger. For more information, contact Kris Hostetter at kris.enotes@gmail.com or info@jllv.org

## The Morelli House Today



Interior of the Morelli House Today



## The Original Morelli House





**The Junior League of Las Vegas**  
 Presents  
*"Music in May"*  
 Featuring  
**The *Celebrity City Chorus* of Sweet Adelines**  
 In celebration of  
**Historic Preservation & Archaeology Month**



**At the Historic Morelli House**  
**861 East Bridger Avenue**  
**May 13, 2017**  
**Free guided tours at 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**  
**Free performance at 12:00 p.m.**




For more information call  
 702-822-6536  
 or email: [info@jllv.org](mailto:info@jllv.org)  
[www.morellihouse.org](http://www.morellihouse.org)  
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# April Happenings in the Northeast

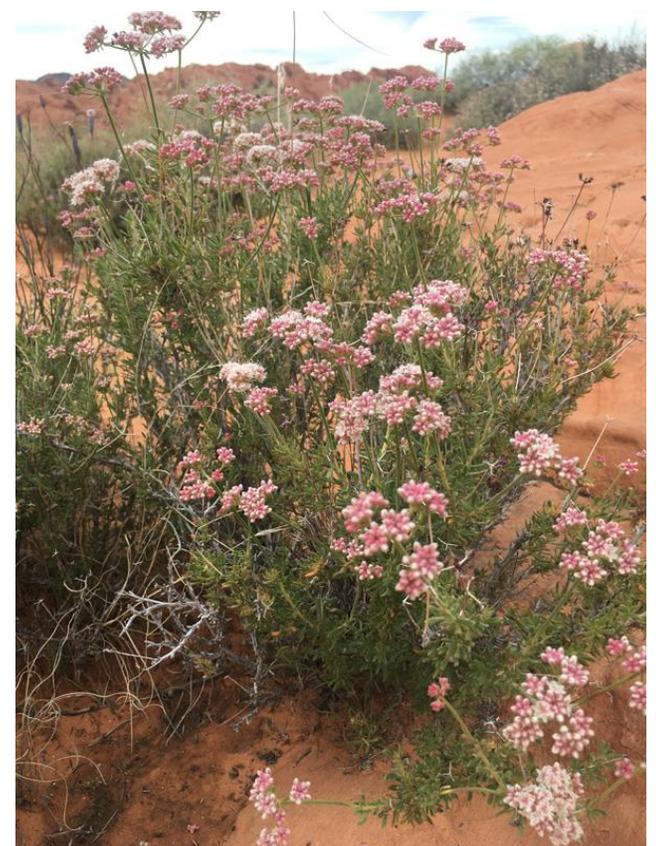
April was a busy month in the northeast corner of Clark County. Of course, the Clark County Fair was the biggest attraction, but many other events were also held. April 1st, the Southern Nevada Mud Racers held an event in Mesquite where the mud flew! The many spectators enjoyed the mud-flinging fun! The most anticipated event was a 'dash for cash' event where kids took off their shoes and socks and ran through the mud bogs to retrieve money inside PVC pipes.



On April 7th, JP Magazine, the largest Jeep magazine in the world, hosted a 'Dirt n Drive' event wherein 100 jeepsters traveled from southern CA to Moab, Utah. They spent 3 days, driving as much as possible on dirt roads and arrived in Moab just in time for the world-famous Moab Easter Jeep Safari. Selected as a main attraction of the 2017 Dirt n Drive was a trip through Logandale Trails. Folks from all over enjoyed the gorgeous red rocks and coral sand with one couple from Alabama commenting that they were used to climbing up muddy hills—and the dry rocky washes and sandstone canyons were a challenge as they required different driving tactics, but they loved the scenery and the new adventure!



Logandale Trails is working on an Exploratory Botanical Walk to introduce visitors to the primary plants of the Logandale Trails area. Every plant in the Mojave Desert is important as each provides shelter, food, and/or water to a wide array of insects, wildlife, birds, and reptiles. The walk is not structured but set up so that people can wander at their own pace, enjoying the variety of plant life that is often overlooked in the desert. Email [Itsinfo@mvdsl.com](mailto:Itsinfo@mvdsl.com) or call 702-219-2033 for more information and directions; if possible, personal tours for groups can be arranged, but please call soon as once the summer heat is upon us, tours will be postponed until cooler fall weather arrives.



## Events for May – 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 at 7 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer Topics at 3 pm; Computer logic and Programming at 4:30 pm
- **Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Homework Hangout at 3 pm, free assistance with homework in any subject
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots at 11:15 am; Discovery Lab exploration of science, 4 pm
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Move and Groove at 11:15 am; Teen Space at 2:15 pm
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on at 12 noon; Crafternoon at 2 pm
- **Saturday, May 6** – English Language Discussion Group at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Wednesday, May 10** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Saturday, May 13 & 27** – Recipe Swap at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Monday, May 15** – Fantasy Book Club at the Moapa Valley Library, 4 pm
- **Saturday, May 20** – Shakespeare Reading Party at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am
- **Tuesday, May 30** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 1** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board

## Logandale Fire Station's Annual Open House



Logandale Fire Station #73 will be hosting its annual Open House on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4–6 pm. Emergency vehicles will be on display for kids (and adults!) to look at and sit in. Community partners will also be in attendance to answer questions and provide information. The station is located at 3570 N. Lyman St.

## Events for May – 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\*\*
- **Thursday, May 4** – Celebrate your favorite galactic movies with crafts and games – and even come dressed as your favorite droid, creature or commander, Laughlin Library, 4 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, May 7** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, May 9** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 9** – Game Club at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, May 10** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Sunday, May 14** – Tea at Three – sample new teas at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, May 11** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Saturday, May 18** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 4 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, May 23** – Kool-aid & Canvas at the Laughlin Library, sip, relax and paint your own creations or follow along with the painting instructor, Ages 5–11, 4:30 pm
- **Thursday, May 25** – Adult Coloring at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, May 25** – Pokémon Club at the Laughlin Library for ages 5–11, 4 pm\*\*
- **Saturday, May 27** – Club Read Kickoff for ages 0 to 11 at the Searchlight Library, 2 pm

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## Classical Guitar Concert with Michael Nigro

Classical guitarist Michael Nigro will perform a varied program that ranges from the folkloric music of South America, music from the Golden Age of guitar, and Spanish classics. Michael Nigro is an Assistant Professor of Music at Vanguard University and holds a Master of Music degree in Guitar Performance from California State University, Fullerton and a Bachelor of Music degree in Guitar Performance from Indiana University, Bloomington. As a concert artist, Mr. Nigro has performed across the United States and abroad, giving concerts and master classes for numerous universities, performing arts centers, church concert series, guitar societies, libraries, and museums. Laughlin Library, Friday, May 5 at 2 pm.

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

This Little Piggy Goes to Market: Final Edition  
OllieAnna Wadley

My fair experience was awesome! I sold my pig and made a lot of bonus money too. Now I can buy my pig and feed for next year and still have a little bit left over.

I placed 5th in my division for showmanship, and blue ribbon in my class for market. I also entered a container garden and received a youth judge's choice award and a blue ribbon in my class for my sewing project.

I had the opportunity to meet up with some old friends and make lots of new ones!

I learned so much from 4-H senior showman; everyone is always so generous with their knowledge and resources! My mom says that nothing truly great is ever accomplished alone. And I would have to agree! I had so much support from my parents, friends, 4-H leaders and all of you!

Thank you for making this 2017 Clark County Fair such a memorable experience!



Saturday, June 10th in  
beautiful Sandy Valley  
from 5-9pm.



Come show your  
public speaking skills,  
demonstration skills,  
and enjoy dinner with  
your 4-H Family!

Open to **ALL** Clark County 4-H  
CloverBuds and Members!

Come compete in a county-wide 4-H Demonstration Contest. Great cash prizes, dinner, and demonstrations. Our favorite competition is back, and is being held in Sandy Valley. Fill out the entry form, and follow the submission instructions. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Valley 4-H Club Leader, Christine Brown at (702)538-2794. Guest judges include Assemblyman James Oscarman and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu of the Clark County Fire Department. This event is sponsored by the Clark County 4-H Council.