



# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## “Seven Magic Mountains” – Public Art in the Desert

If you have driven south on the I-15 or Las Vegas Boulevard in the past week you may have noticed something new in the desert to the east. When it first appears on the horizon, it seems comical or other-worldly. As you get closer, it seems both larger and smaller than expected. The bright colors are in stark contrast to the muted earth tones of the desert and are more reminiscent of the bright lights of Las Vegas than of the Ivanpah Valley where it is located. What is it? Where did it come from? What does it mean? It is an art installation called “*Seven Magic Mountains*” designed by Swiss Artist Ugo Rondinone. The 30 to 35 foot high towers consist of 3 to 5 stacked limestone boulders painted in a variety of bright colors. The artist states that “*Seven Magic Mountains*” elicits continuities and solidarities between human and nature, artificial and natural, then and now.” While initial reactions to the installation are wide ranging, it definitely elicits thought and conversation among everyone that sees it.

This area of southern Nevada has been home to several previous works of art including Jean Tinguely’s “Study for an end of the Work, No. 2” in 1962 and Michael Heizer’s “Rift” in 1968. The “Seven Magic Mountains” will have its official grand opening in two weeks and will be on display for the next two years. It is produced by the Nevada Museum of Art (the only AAM accredited art museum in Nevada) and Art Production Fund, New York. Funding for the project was through private sponsors. If you would like to learn more about the project and how you can visit the site, go to:

<https://www.nevadaart.org/exhibition/ugo-rondinone-seven-magic-mountains/> or  
<http://sevenmagicmountains.com/>



# Sandy Valley 4-H Made A Great Showing at the Clark County Fair Again This Year





CCPR Sandy Valley Community Center is hosting a Class from the National Weather Service.



# *National Weather Service STORM SPOTTERS TRAINING*

*May 17, 2016*

*6PM-8PM*

*Location:*

*Sandy Valley Community Center*

*650 W. Quartz Ave.*

*Sandy Valley, NV*

Are you interested in the weather? Do you want to help your community?  
This is for you!

Meteorologists from the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Las Vegas will be coming to Sandy Valley to provide a special training, open to all community members. These meteorologists are the people who provide the weather forecasts for our area.

This is your opportunity to learn more about the weather. If you choose to participate in the SKYWARN spotter program, you can help the NWS determine when and where to issue warnings when severe weather becomes a threat. This is a completely voluntary program. The training lasts approximately 2 hours and is free.



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## Events for May – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Every Wednesday** – Adult/Teen basketball from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Sandy Valley School Gym, \$2.00. People are welcome to come walk around the gym, too.\*\*
- **Tuesday, May 10** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 10** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 10** – “Retirement Planning & Money Management” seminar at the Blue Diamond Library, 3 pm
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mtn. Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 17** – National Weather Service Storm Spotters Training at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 6–8 pm (see details on previous page)
- **Saturday, May 21** –Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy. Also check out the Fruits and Veggies for sale on the back patio
- **Tuesday, May 31** – Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday, May 31** – Club Read Summer Kick-Off at the Blue Diamond Library, 3 pm
- **Wednesday, June 1** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

## Community Contributes to Lion King The Musical

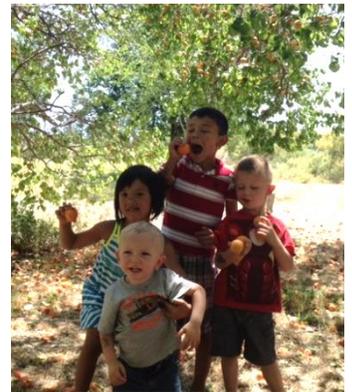


On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, the Sandy Valley School will be presenting their production of “Lion King the Musical.” Led by school librarian, Ms. Cook, the show will include the talent of 145 students. Members of the Sandy Valley Senior Center volunteered their sewing skills and made 56 of the costumes for the show. Mr. Holmer built “pride rock” which was painted by Jenn LeClair and Sarah Isola. Jenn LeClair also painted the background.

## What I Love About Rural Clark County by Dominic Purcell\*

Since my grandma is a Liaison I get to do a lot of cool stuff in rural Clark County. My favorite thing I did was definitely the Diamond Kid Triathlon in Blue Diamond. Even though I got confused I still loved it. We had to swim, bike, and run. I accidentally did swim, run, bike. Another thing I did was go to Nelson's Landing. With my grandma I went canoeing. With my dad I went cliff jumping into the deep water. Another favorite of mine is in Sandy Valley. We go to my grandma's friend's ranch\farm. We get to feed the horses, chickens, sheep, and cows. We also get to ride horses. My favorite horse is Zanadee. Actually Zanadee is my grandma's horse but, I still ride her. In Cold Creek we saw WILD horses. Before we saw the horses we were climbing up a hill and my sister fell on a cactus. Thorns were all over her legs. Good thing is we got them all out. In Sandy Valley I got to ride in a competition. I have no idea what place I came in, but I hope it was a good one. I had help. Can I at least be in the top 20? During the competition grandpa won a wallet. I forgot what grandma won. At the ranch (the one I talked about earlier) I collected eggs. The triathlon is my #2 favorite. My #1 is the fair in Moapa Valley. Earlier this year I went to the fair and I went on my favorite ride GRAVITRON! I also went on Wacky House. I also wanted to go on the ride Yo Yo. Mom said no. At the fair we saw my sister's (Jenna) friend Jaden. Jaden's little sister, Jayla was performing in gymnastics. My #2 favorite ride was the giant boat swinging back and forth. In Blue Diamond me and Jenna played at the park. I had my first reading medal and forgot it on the swing I was swinging on. In Indian Springs we went apricot picking to make apricot jam for our sandwiches. The sandwiches tasted super good. I almost forgot, (no I didn't, I just asked grandma) we also made apricot syrup. I tasted it with a waffle. I absolutely loved it. At the ranch I also like climbing hills and then run down. I love having a grandparent that is a Liaison. It is awesome.

*\*Editor's Note: Dominic is my 9 year old grandson who joined me in the office for Take Your Child to Work Day. He wants to be a writer, so I gave him the chance to contribute to this month's newsletter. As a Liaison I get to meet so many great people and learn about fun events and activities. I take the grandkids with me as often as I can. Sometimes they just get to have fun and participate in the event, but a lot of times I put them to work doing stuff like moving traffic cones, picking up trash, and being "liaisons in training." I love that they enjoy Rural Clark County as much as I do and are always up for a new adventure or experience!*



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# Indian Springs Kicks Off Baseball Season in Style!

On Saturday, April 2nd a parade made its way through the town of Indian Springs to celebrate the opening day of youth baseball for the 2016 season. Led by Grand Marshall Terry George, the parade included all of the teams, vehicles from the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department and the Miss Indian Spring pageant winners. The parade route ended at the ball field where Terry George threw out the first pitch. Good luck to all of the players! Have a great season!

*Photos courtesy of NV Photography*



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thunderbird Warrior Competition

The Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department, with support from Clark County Parks and Recreation, is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thunderbird Warrior Competition. This event is open to all kids ages 5 to 18 and is not limited to Indian Springs residents. Volunteers are also needed, so if you have kids that like some good competition, or if you would like to help out, get in touch with the names listed on the flyer. And, in case you missed it last year, here are some pictures from last year's competition.

**Registrations are now being accepted  
for the 2016**

## **Thunderbird Warrior Competition**

**Entry fee is \$25.00.**  
**Date of competition is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**  
**Deadline to enter is May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**Age Divisions:**  
**5-7 Years Old**  
**8-10 Years Old**  
**11-13 Years Old**  
**14 -18 Years Old**

**Entry forms are available through  
 Toni Nichlos at 702-373-2261,  
 Teresa Hazel at 702-461-4078 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.**



# High Desert Seniors Offer a Variety of Events

The High Desert Senior Citizens Group in Indian Springs offers pot lucks, outings, dances and other activities throughout the year. Last month, in conjunction with the Indian Springs VFD, they hosted a “Pick Out in the Park” featuring the Southern Nevada Bluegrass Association. On May 14<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting their Annual Community Luau. Not only will there be delicious island fare, there will also be live entertainment and lots of family fun.



a taste of paradise ...

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

3pm - 5pm @ The I.S. Community Center

Enjoy a paradise style meal including: kalua pork, chicken long rice, baked beans, lomi salmon, rice, salad & dessert. Enjoy entertainment by some talented local hula dancers ... Just a good 'ole community get-together!

General Public Ticket: \$12pp.  
Senior Member Ticket: \$10pp.

Tickets must be purchased in advance so see a local senior member, or log on to facebook @highdesertseniorcitizens or call Matt @ 702.781.6101.

All proceeds support the High Desert Senior Citizens Group.

## Events for May – Northwest

- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am\*\*
- **Thursday, May 12** – Indian Springs TAB\* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 14** – GO Mt Charleston Spring Cleaning, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Help spruce up the mountain before the busy summer season. It's a great opportunity for team building while providing community service with a visible impact. Individuals, Families, and groups are encouraged to sign up. Groups must include a minimum of five people, with at least one group leader over the age of 18. Cleaning supplies are provided. Volunteers are assigned a litter pick-up area in advance and will be sent specific details once registered. Groups will check in at their location between 9:30 and 10 am with the designated site manager. Following the litter pick up, groups will be treated to a volunteer barbeque with live music. For more information on volunteering: email [volunteer@gomtcharleston.com](mailto:volunteer@gomtcharleston.com) or call Kira West at 702-872-0550. For more information on how your business can sponsor this event: email [leonie@gomtcharleston.com](mailto:leonie@gomtcharleston.com) or call Leonie Mowat at 702-501-6167
- **Saturday, May 21** – Indian Springs Youth Baseball final games and awards. Tball: 9 am; Rookies: 10:30 am; Minors: Noon
- **Thursday, May 26** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, May 31** – Club Read Craft Buffet at the Mt. Charleston Library. Celebrate Club Read by making an assortment of crafting goodies. Ages 0-11, 12:45 pm
- **Thursday, June 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB\* Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7pm

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Artisan Fair to be Held in Cold Creek

The Cold Creek Artisans will hold its second annual spring sale May 28 and 29, 2016, from 10 am till 4 pm each day at the Cold Creek Volunteer Fire Department. This event features handcrafted items made by Cold Creek residents and showcases a wide range of talents. An amazing variety of crafts and works of art will be on display: i.e. paintings, ceramics, woodworking, home goods, herbal and natural soaps, and handcrafts too numerous to list here. From the largest item- a 16 foot cedar strip canoe, to the smallest- a lip balm, there's a little something for everyone!

The event is coordinated with Cold Creek's Volunteer Fire Station 82, with a portion of the proceeds donated to their training fund.



## Events for May – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids: nursery rhymes, songs, dances and stories for ages 3–5, 11:15 am; Read with Me! Readers of all skill levels welcome for one-on-one, no pressure reading practice with our Teen Volunteers for ages 5 to 11, 4 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Circle Time: interactive songs, fingerplays and rhymes for ages 0–18 months, 11:15 am; Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use, 3 pm\*\*
- **Mondays and Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tutoring/homework help for grades K – college: free assistance with homework in any subject as well as writing essays, resumes & applications, 2:30 pm
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Hands on computer assistance at 11 am; Computer Topics at 3 pm; Computer Logic 4:30 pm \*\*
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots: Songs and stories. Ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Handicrafters; join crafting companions to share your knowledge and creativity, 10 am; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 pm, Grades 6 –12; Story Hour: Drop off the kids after school for a variety of stories, jokes, science experiments and more. Ages 5–12. 4 pm \*\*
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on: a group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play 12 pm; Crafternoon: youth & adults can make a new craft every week at 2 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, May 11** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, May 31** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 2** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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





## Department of Building & Fire Prevention

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### May Is Residential Amnesty Month in Clark County

The Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention is encouraging homeowners to participate in an amnesty program for the **month of May** that waives penalties on self-disclosed residential construction work done without permits.

During the amnesty period, which coincides with Building Safety Month, homeowners in Clark County will be subject to paying normal fees for permits, inspections and plan reviews, but not penalties.

The primary goal of the Residential Amnesty Program is to encourage safety and self-disclosure of non-permitted work and to obtain compliance, officials said. Obtaining building permits is not only mandated by law but will also guard your safety and help ensure you protect what is likely your single largest investment: Your home.

The Residential Amnesty Program allows homeowners to obtain permits without penalties for work performed on:

- Room additions of less than 600 square feet
- Interior or exterior alterations
- Kitchen or bathroom remodeling
- Patio covers
- Electrical or plumbing work
- Block wall repairs, installations and replacements
- Furnace and air conditioning replacement
- Hot water heaters and water softeners
- Self-contained hot tub installations
- Fences greater than six feet in height
- Sheds or accessory structures greater than 120 square feet
- Garage conversions
- Retaining walls up to 4 feet in height

These examples represent only a few of the many projects that need permits. Homeowners should check with their local building department for specific allowances and permitting requirements. Please note that all other fees, permits and costs associated with the issuance of a building or other permit shall remain in effect during the residential amnesty period.

Building officials say the most common residential projects built on residential property without the necessary permits are garage conversions, room additions, patio covers and water heater installations.

The Clark County Building Department's Permit Application Center is located at 4701 W. Russell Road, and may be reached at (702) 455-3000. Homeowners can also get more information about permits and the amnesty program by visiting the website at [www.ClarkCountyNV.gov](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov).

## Events for May – Southeast

- **Wednesday, May 4** – May the Fourth be with You at the Laughlin Library – come celebrate your favorite galactic movies with out-of-this-world crafts and games. Come dressed as your favorite droid, creature of commander! Ages 5-11, 4 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, May 10** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 11** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, May 12** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin library, 11 am\*\*
- **Sunday, May 22** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, May 25** – Managing New Seasons presentation of “Retirement Planning and Money Management” at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, May 29** – The Luca Ciarla Quartet to perform at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm\*\*

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

## The Significance of the Red Poppy on Memorial Day

In 1915, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem:



“We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.”



She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children’s League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans’ organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their “Buddy” Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

This story and more information about Memorial Day can be found at <http://www.usmemorialday.org/>

## Music, Cars and Wildlife in Laughlin in May

**Baja Days Riverwalk Festival** – Kick back and enjoy beach music outdoors on the Loading Dock Stage which is located right along the Riverwalk, plus an all-woman Mariachi Band! Spend the afternoon and enjoy ice cold beverages and delicious Mexican food from Riverwalk vendors. May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thursday 2pm to 10 pm, Friday and Saturday Noon to 10 pm and Sunday Noon to 7 pm.



**Cinco de Mayo Festival, Car Show and Dance Party at the Tropicana Resort's North Parking Lot** – May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to sunset each day. Car show enthusiasts come and check out classic low riders, muscle cars and motorcycles. Awards such as "Best Paint," "Best Original Restored" and "Trop Choice" will be given on Saturday. For car entry and vendor information, e-mail Happy Times Events at [loucyndasdream@hotmail.com](mailto:loucyndasdream@hotmail.com). The excitement continues with the Victory Plaza Dance Party featuring live entertainment, free admission and a cash bar. The Midnight Cruzzers and Adelaide and more live bands perform Friday and Saturday, from 4:30 PM to 1:00 AM. This event is open to the public and located at the Victory Plaza outdoor venue. You must be 21 or older. There will also be special shows in the Pavilion Theater to add to the weekend's festivities. For more information on these events please call (702)298-4200.



**Wings & Wildlife** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 1 pm. Come out and spend the day at the Pyramid Canyon Park & Trails. Join us for a day full of fun, activities, and to celebrate the International Migratory Bird Day.

Activities will include kite flying, bird house painting, wildlife treasure hunt, live animals, bird watching, horse activities and more! All activities are free. Hamburgers and hot dogs may be purchased throughout the day. Raffles will be given out and help at 12:30PM. 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!



For more information visit the Laughlin Trails Facebook page, call Fred Doten the chairman of the Laughlin Trails Partnership (702)298-3492, or the Laughlin Town Managers Office (702)298-0828