October 2016

Mt. Charleston South Loop Trail Re-Opens

More than 3 years after the devastating Carpenter One fire, the South Loop Trail to Mt. Charleston re-opened on September 24th. The trail had been closed due to hazardous conditions after the fire and subsequent flash flooding. The reopening of the trail was possible due to the hard work and dedication of trail crews from the US Forest Service. Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Great Basin



Institute. These crews cleared downed trees, some of which had trunks over 30 inches in diameter, and rebuilt parts of the trail that had been erased altogether or buried beneath as much as 10 feet of rocks and dirt. Not to mention the fact that the crews had to make the strenuous hike just to get to their work areas. Providing support to the crews throughout the process were the dedicated members of the Bristlecone Chapter of the Back County Horsemen of Nevada.

The re-opening ceremony, which was held in conjunction with National Public Lands Day, included representatives from the US Forest Service, Nevada's Congressional delegation, and all of the groups that contributed to getting the trail re-opened a year ahead of schedule.

















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Clark County Welcomes Trout Canyon As Newest VFD

Thanks to the hard work of Chief Larry Haydu, the residents of the mountain community of Trout Canyon, and many others, the Trout Canyon Volunteer Fire Department is now a reality! This is the first new Volunteer Fire Department in Clark County in 20 years. The department began operation on Sunday September 18th at approximately 5:00 pm. Chief Rodd Fernandez and the 6 new wildland firefighters will provide wildfire coverage annually from April through October. This was a huge effort and took about two years from inception to fruition. The new department was created at no additional cost to the county using available apparatus and equipment.



Each new member received approximately 27 hours of training including 10 hours of online training, 12 hours of classroom instruction and 5 hours of hands on training. The hands on training consisted of cutting hand line, fire shelter deployment, back firing and firing devices, mobile pumping, hose lays, use and maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment and tools, and how to obtain on site weather. The US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the North Las Vegas Fire Department, CCFD Station 79 (Mountain Springs), and Fire Instructor Chris Carbajal provided excellent hands on experience for the final portion of the training.

The devastating Carpenter 1 fire started in Trout Canyon as a result of a lightning strike, and that fire was the motivation behind these new capabilities. The new resident Volunteer Firefighters, who are now properly trained and equipped to combat wildfires, will be able to safely provide a quick attack in Trout Canyon and extinguish or hold a fire until additional resources can respond to assist.







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Fall Eestival

A Celebration of the Forest & the Changing of the Seasons





Saturday, October 8
Noon - 4pm





S'mores # Music # Smokey Bear # Activities

Campfire Programs * Food for Purchase * Guided Fall Color Walks

Spring Mountains
Visitor Gateway

Located in Kyle Canyon on SR 157



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Halloween Festival!
Friday - October 28th
At the Community Center

From 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM - Come up and enjoy ...



Carnival Games 🙎 Face Painting
Crafts 🎡 Bake Sale 🕷 Chicken Poop Bingo

Starting at 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM Bring your kids and have them participate in ...

Costume Contest & Trunk or Treat

For Trunk or Treat entry forms contact Teresa Hazel 702-879-3890



Will be Having Their Annual Chili Cook-Off

You do not need to be a senior to enter, anyone over 18 years of age is welcome! E-mail Mdukkmiller@gmail.com for details.

Hot Dogs will also be available to purchase.





This event is being supported by Clark County Parks & Recreation.

BARN BUDDIES RESCUE@THE FARM's 26th Annual FARM FALL FESTIVAL The last three weekends in October from 9AM to 7 PM!

We have the biggest and best pumpkin and squash varieties in Las Vegas!

Please come visit the rescued animals and enjoy rides on the farm train, ponies, and hay wagon as well as our straw maze. Shop our farmer's market for farm fresh eggs, fresh vegetables, fruits, jams/jellies, breads, our fabulous local honey and much more. We are located at 7222 West Grand Teton Drive, LV 89131. For more information, call 702-982-8000 gl@barnbuddiesrescue.org. Cash or Card (\$20 min).

100% of proceeds go to the animal's care & feeding



We will be open on 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30 October

Fridays 4PM-7PM; Saturday/Sunday 9AM-7PM

Rides & concession available only on Saturday and Sunday from 10-4

Farmer's Market: No Charge Festival Entry/Animals: \$5 Adults \$3 Children Rides \$6 pony; \$4 train/hayride, \$3 maze

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Events for October - Northwest

• 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 before and after school. For more information or to register your child, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room next to the elementary school 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
- Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library Handicrafters at 10 am; Teen Space at 1:30 pm and Story Hour for ages 5–11 at 4 pm
- Wednesday, October 5 Make the Best of your Insurance. Navigators from C.A.R.E. NV will be available to give you free information on how to maximize your saving with your current health coverage. Indian Springs Community Center. 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Saturday, October 8 High Desert Seniors Bake Sale at the Shell Station, 8 am until sold out
- Saturday, October 8 High Desert Seniors Pot Luck at the Indian Springs Community Center, 2 to 4 pm
- Wednesday, October 12 Movie and a Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 2:45, Cost \$1
- Thursday, October 13 Indian Springs TAB meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, October 20 BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 to 9 pm
- Wednesday, October 26 Halloween Craft for elementary students at the Indian Springs Community Center, younger children welcome with parental assistance, 2:45 pm, Cost \$1
- Thursday, October 27 Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

Some not-so- Angry Birds at Indian Springs Parks and Rec's September Movie and a Craft





The Goodsprings Historical Society



The First Annual

Goodsprings Craft & Vendor Fair



Saturday, October 15th

10 am to 4 pm



For more details or if you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact: Terry Rawlinson at 702-302-2282 or Jeri Pinkerton at 702-806-8660 Page 8 Rural Connections



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Events for October - Southwest

• 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.**

- Tuesdays in October- Volleyball skills at the Sandy Valley School Gym, 5 pm
- Tuesday, October 11 Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 11 Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 12 Mountain Springs CAC meeting at the Mountain Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, October 15 Craft Show at the Goodsprings School and Park, 10 am to 4 pm
- Saturday, October 15 Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- Tuesday, October 25 Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 26 Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- Monday, October 31 Halloween celebration at Peace Park in Sandy Valley. Trunk or Treat, Costume contests, fun for everyone! 6 pm

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

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training Clinic for Pets

Rattlesnakes are still active in mild weather, so if you enjoy activities that take you and your dogs outdoors, you may be at risk for encountering rattlesnakes.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, in collaboration with Get Rattled, is providing a training session at UNCE's Lifelong Learning Center at 8050 Paradise Rd. in Las Vegas on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016. Training is provided by either appointment or walk-in between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with sessions lasting approximately 20 minutes. Cost is \$85 per dog and refresher training is \$60. The



clinic does require the use of a remote training collar that will be customized to fit each dog. The clinic will provide local dog owners extra assurance and peace of mind that their dogs will avoid dangerous rattlesnake encounters, protecting their health, and their families from suffering the pain and medical costs of a rattlesnake bite.

Health risks to dogs from a bite can vary greatly depending on the amount of venom injected, the species and size of rattlesnake, and the size of the dog and where it was bitten. Dogs can also be bitten when owners are not around, so John Potash, co-owner and co-founder of Get Rattled, suggests that people know some general signs of a bite along with health risks: "Dogs are usually bitten on their limbs, neck, and head or face so look for severe swelling in those areas. After some time, the venom may produce nausea, vomiting, and the dog can seem lethargic and will begin to act as if something is bothering them. If you see a snake bite happen or notice these symptoms, keep your dog calm and take them to a vet right away. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

To register or for more information, please visit: GetRattled.org or contact Get Rattled at 775-234-8844 or email GetRattledNV@gmail.com.

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Huge Turnout for National Public Lands Day Event

The 23rd annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the largest, single-day volunteer event in the USA wherein different federal agencies host cleanups and other volunteer work on the last Saturday of September. The Southern Nevada Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held 3 events this year and the biggest event was at Logandale Trails.

"We had just short of 200 people attend this year", said Bonnie Leavitt, administrative assistant for Partners In Conservation (PIC), the rural non-profit that has an Assistance Agreement with the BLM to perform daily administrative and maintenance tasks at Logandale Trails. "We are always happy to have 100 volunteers show up as that is a very successful event, but to get double that number—well that just shows how many people truly care about the trails!"

Volunteers arrived around 8 a.m. and were greeted with locally famous Lin's donuts, coffee, juice, and hot cocoa. People visited while signing up and gathered maps or other informational items and giveaways which included a 2016 NPLD t-shirt and a free pass for a day to any federal fee area—both items donated by the local BLM office. Soon after, the BLM held a brief safety meeting and then participants gathered tools and supplies and set out to accomplish several tasks. The biggest project of the day was planting over 200 native trees, shrubs, and flowers in the picnic area; the BLM sent one of their fire trucks to provide water for all those plants and soon the desert overlook was populated with new vegetation.

A favorite task is always cleaning up trash along the many trails and many selected their favorite trail to clean and headed off to do so, but with so many people taking care of the trails now, everyone reported back the lack of trash this year, some bringing back a large trash bag with just a handful of litter that they had found. Now that's evidence of a success story! Other tasks involved cleaning and painting the shade structures and trash bins as they are at least 20 years old and were looking neglected——but not anymore! Others installed signage, secured picnic tables to foundations, and other general upkeep. Soon, the Rotary Club arrived with 30 pizzas from Pirate's Landing, Moapa Valley's own pizza joint and their jeep was overloaded, akin to Santa Claus arriving with a sleigh full of toys!







Volunteers had really worked up an appetite and enjoyed pizza, salad, fruit, cookies, and brownies provided by PIC and Vegas Valley Four Wheelers (VV4W) who donate money every year to PIC for trail upkeep and volunteer events. The day ended with PIC's signature Thank-You Raffle Drawing where many fun prizes were given away as a final gesture of thanks to all the hard working volunteers.

Information can be found on Logandale Trails Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/logandaletrails/. The trails system is multiple use and many people camp, hike, picnic, enjoy photography, ride horses, and view wildlife as well as riding the trails, rock crawling in selected areas in the sandstone canyons, or playing in the sand dunes area—all in all, a scenic area nestled next to Moapa Valley, just 50 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Message PIC via the Facebook page for maps and additional information.

Fun Fall Events and Activities in the Northeast

As with other desert communities, Moapa Valley (MV) really comes to life in the spring and fall...and fall is here! From now until the holidays, there is something new to do every weekend!

The MV Corn Maze is a family favorite and provides a wonderful selection of activities, making it an all-day-into-evening affair! Pig races, picking pumpkins, day maze, haunted night maze, cow train, pumpkin bowling, hay rides—-you and your children will go home exhausted but with big smiles on your faces—the MV Corn Maze is open every weekend in October.

Lost City Museum is open every weekend and has a fabulous Native American Day on November 12th with hours and other information available at http://www.museums.nevadaculture.org/lcm

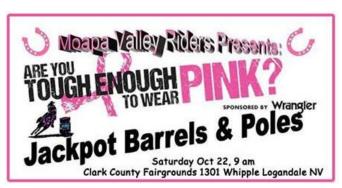
In October the MV Chamber of Commerce hosts their 17th annual Car Show, on October 15th; the Logandale Fall Festival is the next weekend and it has really grown into a must-do event with non-stop bluegrass music, vendors, a BBQ cooking contest, a gem show, petting zoo and more.

Roos and More, a unique and family-friendly zoo is hosting their first ever "Boo at the Zoo"—now that just makes you want to see what is going on, doesn't it? And Roos and More is only a few miles from the MV Corn Maze—plan to attend both events and you will not be disappointed!

The Overton Old Gym has its annual fundraiser, a Family Friendly Carnival" on October 21st and if you like barrel racing and horse events, be sure to attend the "Are You Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Jackpot Barrel Racing and Poles event, a local breast cancer fundraiser on October 22nd.







The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce's website contains details for all the above: http://moapavalleychamber.com Additionally, the local paper, the Moapa Valley Progress has on online edition where you can also find additional details: http://mvprogress.com

And, spoiler alert: November events could possibly be more awesome, if that is even possible. Details to November's activities will be in your next Rural Connection, so stay tuned!

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October Events at Valley of Fire State Park

Experience the Atlatl – Stop by Atlatl Rock picnic area to learn about this ancient spear–throwing tool. Participants will be given the opportunity to try throwing atlatls on their own after a brief demonstration.

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 10:30 - 11:30 am and 2 to 3 pm

What Passed this Way? – Join park staff for an activity designed to teach children to recognize signs left by various animals that inhabit the park. Participants will meet at the Rainbow Vista parking area and hike around the Rainbow Vista area to search for tracks and other signs of animal activity.

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, 10:30 - 11:30 am; Saturday, October 22, 1:30 - 2:30 pm



Introduction to Valley of Fire – Stop by the front theater of the Visitor Center for an indoor talk that will provide a general overview of the park's geological history, human history and common flora and fauna.

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, 1:30 - 2 pm and 2:30 - 3 pm; Saturday, October 15, 10 - 10:30 am and 11- 11:30 am

Make Your Own Petroglyphs Children's Activity – Children will learn about these fascinating carvings and will be provided with the materials to make their own modern "petroglyphs." This program is designed for children ages 5–12, but all are welcome to participate.

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Arrowhead Loop Trail Guided Hike – This two-mile hike passes one of the park's most recognizable rock formations, "Elephant Rock." A portion of the trail follows the remains of the old Arrowhead Road that was constructed in 1915 and connected LA to Salt Lake City. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Visitor Center and then caravan to the trailhead.

WHEN: Sunday, October 16, 10 am to noon

Desert Bighorn Sheep - These one of the most iconic animals of the Mojave Desert. Stop by the front theater at the visitor center for a short talk about these fascinating creatures and how they are able to survive in such inhospitable conditions.

WHEN: Sunday, October 16, 1:30 - 2:00 pm and 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Colorful Canyons Loop Guided Hike –This strenuous, one–mile gives participants the opportunity to see areas of the Park that are not accessible via marked trails. Please note that this hike requires some basic scrambling. Participants should be comfortable with walking over rocky, uneven surfaces. Meet in the lower parking lot at the Valley of Fire visitor center; participants will caravan to the trailhead from there. WHEN: Saturday, October 22, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Photo Scavenger Hunt –Stop by the information window inside the Visitor Center to receive the scavenger hunt list. After completing the list, return to the information window before 4:30 pm and show a member of park staff your pictures to receive a small prize.

WHEN: Sunday, October 23. The scavenger hunt may be completed anytime between 8:30 am and 4:30 ...

History of the Silver State – In honor of Nevada Day, Valley of Fire State Park will be holding indoor talks covering the fascinating and colorful history of the Nevada. Stop by the front theater of the Visitor Center to learn a little more about the Silver State's colorful past.

WHEN: Friday, October 28, 10 - 10:30 am, 11- 11:30 am, and 2 - 2:30 pm

Fire Wave Trail/Kaolin Wash Guided Hike - This strenuous 2.35 mile hike will take participants on an unmaintained and unmarked extension of the Fire Wave Trail through the "pastel canyon." Please be sure to bring plenty of water and wear appropriate footwear for hiking over rocky, uneven surfaces. Meet in the lower parking lot at the Valley of Fire Visitor Center - participants will caravan to the trailhead from there. WHEN: Saturday, October 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Atlatl Rock Guided Petroglyph Hike – Participants will be led to numerous petroglyphs that are not located along marked or maintained trails from the Atlatl Rock Picnic area. Topics discussed during the walk will include the processes commonly used for dating and interpreting petroglyphs and what is known about the peoples that created this ancient rock art.

WHEN: Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Valley of Fire State Park is approximately 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15, Exit 75, and 20 miles southwest of Moapa Valley via Highway 169, Valley of Fire Road. All events are free of cost; however, there is an entrance fee into the park of \$10 per vehicle. Nevada residents receive a \$2 discount.

Events for October - Northeast

• Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library - ABC Kids: Nursery rhymes, songs and dances for ages 3-5, 11:15 am; Read with me: readers of all skill levels welcome for one-on-one reading practice, ages 5-11, 4 pm;

- Mondays and Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library Tutoring and Homework help, 2:30 pm
- Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library Circle time for ages 0 18 months, 11:15 am; Computer Basics for beginners, 3 pm
- Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library Hands-on Computer Help at 11 am; Computer Topics at 3 pm and Computer logic at 4:30 pm
- Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library Tiny tots songs and finger plays for ages 18 months to 3, 11:15 am; LEGO Quest for ages 8–11 at 4 pm
- Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library Handicrafters at 10 am; Teen Space at 1:30 pm and Story Hour for ages 5-11 at 4 pm
- Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library English Language discussion group at 10:15 am; Game on at 12 noon; Crafternoon at 2 pm
- Tuesday, October 11 Make your own mask at the Book Masquerade at the Bunkerville Library, 4 pm
- Wednesday, October 12 Make your own galaxy t-shirt at the Bunkerville Library, 4 pm
- Thursday, October 13 Play in a life-sized Jenga Game at the Bunkerville Library, 4 pm
- Friday, October 14 Make your own galaxy t-shirt at the Moapa Valley Library, 1:15 pm
- Wednesday, October 12- Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- Tuesday, October 25 Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- Thursday, October 27 Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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

Moapa Valley Car & Motorcycle Show

17th Annual October 15, 2016



Overton Park Overton, NV



Family Friendly Carnival - Old Overton Gym October 21, 2016 from 5-7 pm



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LAUGHLIN FALL FEST



Hosted by The Laughlin Elks 2872

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

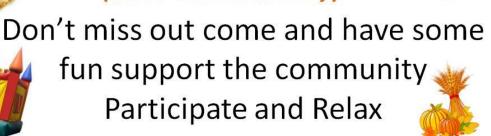
Music & Food 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Craft Vendors – Food – Music –

Raffles - Kids Jumper & so much more

Beer & Wine By the American LegionBrats & Sauerkraut - Hot Dogs — Pull
Pork Sandwich - Beer Booth & Drinks

Laughlin Town Center (3100 Needles Hwy)



Looking For Sponsors, Vendors and Bands
All Proceeds to go towards our Vets
programs, Youth programs & Drug
Awareness

Events for October - Southeast

- Sunday, October 2 Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- Saturday, October 8 Children's Craft at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5-11, 3 pm**

Tuesday, October 11 - United Blood Services Blood Drive at the Laughlin Library. Share the gift of life with

other in need by donating blood. 11 am

- Thursday, October 13 Brown Bag Book Club, 11 am**
- Tuesday, October 11 Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, October 12** Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- Thursday, October 20 Pumpkin Painting at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- Wednesday, October 26 Haunted House at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- Thursday, October 27 Adult Coloring at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm **



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

The Re-Opening of Historic Walking Box Ranch Lecture

Built in 1931, Walking Box Ranch was the home of silent screen actors Clara Bow and Rex Bell. On Friday, October 21 at 2 pm at the Laughlin Library, Robbie McAboy, BLM Monument Manager, and Jane Overy, archivist/historian of Searchlight, NV, will present a lecture about the history of the property and it's re-opening. A brief history of Nipton, California featured as relevant to the topic. If you aren't able to make it to the lecture, look for more information about Walking Box Ranch in future issues of Rural Connections.

