



RURAL CONNECTIONS

Indian Springs Welcomes Spring With Baseball & Fairy



A parade was held to kick off this year's youth baseball season in Indian Springs on Saturday, March 17th. Led by Grand Marshall Jose Zubia, the teams showed off their team spirit as they wound their way through town. They all ended up at Trucks Field where the games quickly got started.

Spring is also bringing something new and magical to Indian Springs - fairy doors! For a few months now, the "Kindness Rock" group has been painting rocks and hiding them around town. Fairy Doors are special space up for trading rocks that should never be empty. A new rock must always be left in exchange for the one that is taken. Sometimes, traders will also leave little gifts and trinkets, like art supplies, figurines and pencils, for visitors to take in addition to their traded rock. The goal is to spread kindness through the community, promote exploration and outdoor activities, and provide a creative outlet for all ages. Adults can paint at the Oasis every Sunday at 2pm. The group will host kids events in the near future. Be on the look-out for new door locations and themes.



Events for April – Northwest

- **Weekdays at Indian Spring Elementary School** – After School Safekey Program. A recreational program for children in grades K–6. After school until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per day per participant. For more information, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room next to the elementary school playground.
- **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
- **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
- **Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28** – Youth Baseball! Tball at 9 am, Rookies at 10:15 am and Minors at 11:30 am
- **Thursday, April 12** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, April 26** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10 am – 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, April 26** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Saturday, April 28** – Las Vegas Pipe Band performance at the Spring Mountains Visitors Gateway, 3 pm, for more information visit <https://www.gomtcharleston.com/>



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Patriotism Starts Early in Indian Springs

There are unique experiences that come from living in every small town. In Indian Springs, which is located across the US95 highway from Creech Air Force Base, one of those unique experiences is hearing the National Anthem every weekday afternoon. “Retreat” is performed at 4:30 pm and consists of a bugle call followed by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. Retreat has been used since the Revolutionary War when it was an indication to soldiers to retire to their quarters for the day. Today, retreat signals the end of the official duty day and serves as an opportunity to pay respect to the flag and those who serve it.

At Creech, retreat is played over a giant voice system so that it can be heard throughout the base. Being in such close proximity, the residents of Indian Springs hear it as well. Early last month, Indian Springs resident Jessie Fannin caught a special moment when she looked over and saw her 3 year old daughter Maisy, bowing her head and covering her heart as she listened to the National Anthem.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sandy Valley's Peace Park

It was a hopping good time as kids of all ages raced to gather eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt at Peace Park in Sandy Valley. Within minutes, every egg spread across the lawn and the basketball courts was claimed. The Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association, with help from the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department, puts on the much anticipated event each year. After picking up their eggs, each child is given a basket full of goodies to take home and enjoy.



Girl Scout Project to Remove Barbed Wire Fencing

A local Girl Scout, Anna Dorn, has planned a volunteer barbed wire cleanup event near Goodsprings for Saturday, April 7 for her Senior Girl Scout Gold Award Project. For those unfamiliar with the Gold Award, it is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts, similar to the Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts. To earn the Gold Award, the scout must identify a community issue that she cares about and plan a project to help solve that issue. More than 200 wild horses and burros live near Goodsprings and are at risk for entanglement and injury from barbed wire that litters the area. Anna has been coordinating with the BLM, the Bristlecone Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, and Friends of Nevada Wilderness for several months on this project. She is inviting the community to come support her project and help to make the area safer for the wild horses and burros. Volunteers should meet at the Chevron Gas Station in Jean at 7:30 am. Lunch will be provided. If you are unable to participate, but would like to support Anna's project, you can donate items at Cal Ranch or email Julie at rubyredhorse@gmail.com for more information. For more information or to RSVP please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-horse-and-burro-fence-pull-tickets-443100244762?aff=es2>



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Spring Events and Programs at Red Rock Canyon



Wildflower Day

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Visitor Center
Saturday, April 14
10AM to 1PM

Stop by to learn about the many native wildflowers within the Mojave Desert! See and learn about plants and pollinators up-close, meet groups working to conserve native plants, create a take-home craft, and take a guided wildflower walk.

For more information visit: www.RedRockCanyonLV.org




CSN Big Band

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
Visitor Center Amphitheater

Saturday
April 7
1-2pm

CSN Big Band Performance

The College of Southern Nevada's (CSN) Department of Fine Arts Music Program presents a special outdoors concert, featuring jazz favorites from CSN's Big Band. Red Rock Canyon visitors will be treated to music all while enjoying the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

All ages. No registration necessary.

Visit www.RedRockCanyonLV.org for more information




Graffiti Clean Up Day

Join the Bureau of Land Management, Friends of Red Rock Canyon, and Southern Nevada Conservancy to assist with graffiti removal at Red Rock Canyon on Saturday, April 21. This project requires a moderate hike, up to two miles, carrying a pack weighing between 10-20lbs. It will involve lifting and the use of tools, bio-degradable chemicals and water. Lunch will be served and water, snacks, gloves, goggles and tools will be provided. Please do not bring pets to this event. Registration starts at 7:30AM; the event will start at 8AM and wrap up at 12PM. Ages 15+.

Please plan ahead and dress appropriately for the weather conditions and work to be completed. Long sleeve shirts, long pants, and closed-toe shoes are required for this project.

For more information please contact Cal Howell at 702-515- 5386. Please register for the event by e-mailing volunteer@friendsofredrockcanyon.org directly.

Events for April – Southwest

- **Wednesdays at the Sandy Valley School Gym** – Volleyball 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Basketball 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- **Thursdays at the Sandy Valley Community Center** – Women’s Yoga Circle, 7–8 pm, \$6
- **Friday, April 6** – General Meeting & Potluck at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Saturday, April 7** – BINGO at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 6 pm
- **Tuesday, April 10** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, April 10** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Friday – Sunday, April 20–22** – Community Swap Meet at the Sandy Valley Yacht Club, Sunup to Sundown
- **Saturday, April 21** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$4.00 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Saturday, April 21** – 4H car wash at the Sandy Valley Fire Station, 10 am to 2 pm
- **Tuesday, April 17** – Craft class at the Sandy Valley Community Center – 18 and over, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, April 24** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 25** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Monday, April 30** – Executive Board Meeting at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 11 am

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

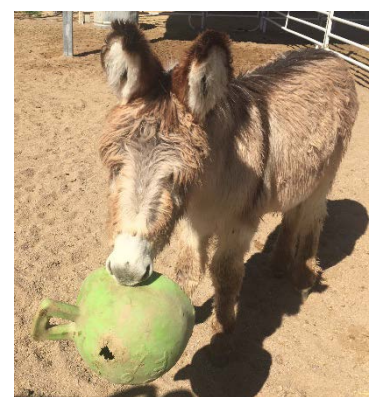
Rocky’s Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

This is part 4 of an on-going series.

Rocky has a new stall right next to the horse arena where he can interact with the horses through the panels. He has suddenly discovered that he loves to play with Jolly Balls (big play balls for horses.) He especially loves to put them in his water trough!

Our big Thoroughbred, Tommy, has become very attached to the little guy. Most of the times you look out you will see Tommy standing by the stall keeping an eye on Rocky and keeping the other horses away. It will be really fun to see them all interact when Rocky is big enough to go out in the arena with them, but he just isn’t big enough for that yet.

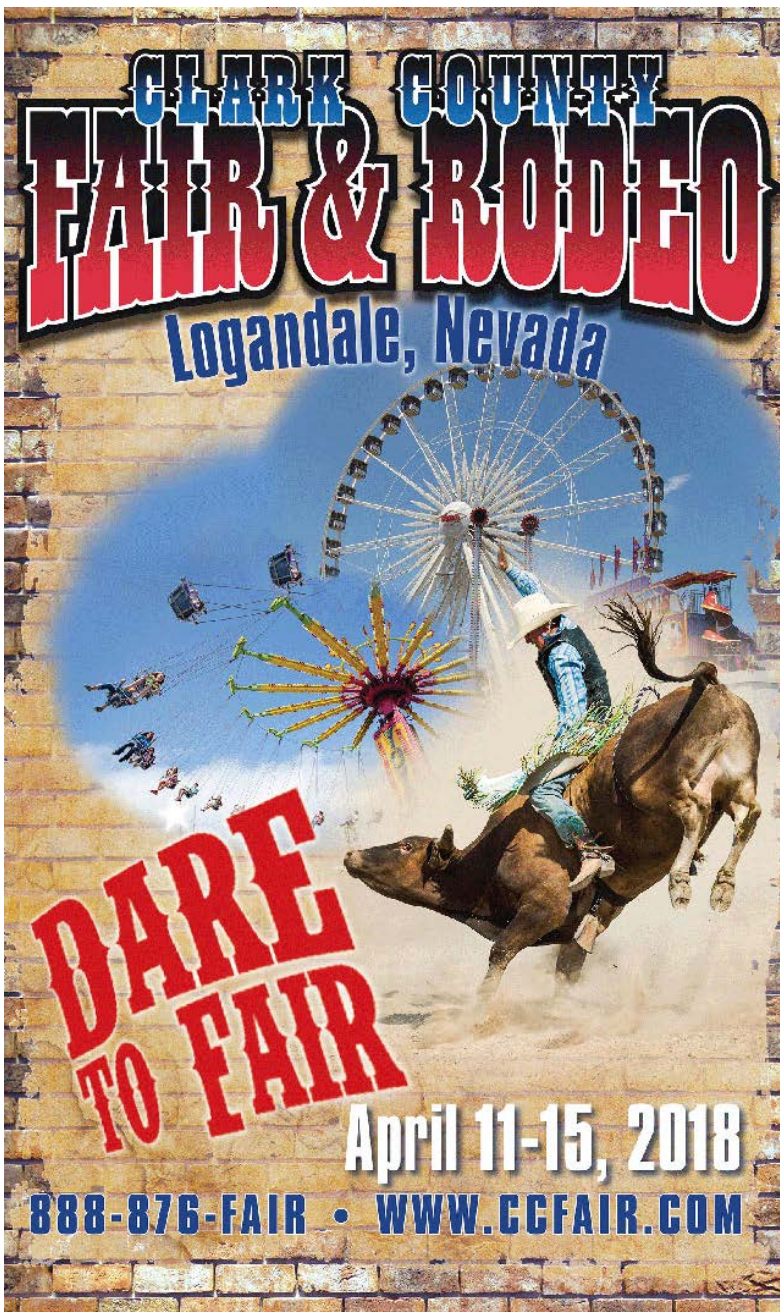
Next Friday BLM’s Wild Horse & Burro Specialist, Tabby Romero, will be coming out to give Rocky his freeze brand. All wild horses and burros adopted from BLM have a freeze brand that provides information about them. I will share more about the brands and the process next month.



Events for April – Northeast

- **Wednesday, April 11** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, April 24** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 26** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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Clark County Parks & Recreation Presents

Robot Sumo

Thursdays, April 19th to May 24th
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Ages 12-17
\$35

This class helps participants learn how to build a sumo robot out of KNEX and program the various sensors. They will challenge their robot against various obstacles, and end with a double elimination Robot sumo tournament.




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Duck Stamp Competition

Mariah Bacon of Elko is the winner of Nevada's Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Art Competition for the 2nd year in a row. Her painting of Canada Geese was chosen as the Best of Show out of 425 entries at the competition held on March 23rd at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Mariah's design will compete with the other states' winners in the National Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest in Bismarck, N.D. next month. The national winner's design will be made into the 2018-2019 Federal Junior Duck Stamp. The annual program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), provides resources to educators to help students in grades K-12 learn about the outdoor world and their connection to waterfowl, wetlands and habitat conservation.



Events for April – 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**
- **Friday, April 6 & 20** – Kids Craft Corner, 3 pm**
- **Sunday, April 8** – Origami Class, 1:30 pm and Tea at 3, 3 pm, Laughlin Library**
- **Tuesday, April 10** – Device Advice at the Laughlin Library, 11 am to 1 pm**
- **Tuesday, April 10** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 11** – Master Gardeners at the Laughlin Library, 10 am**
- **Wednesday, April 12** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, April 18** – Media sale at the Laughlin Library. Come shop for Dvds, music cds, and Audiobooks. 10:30 am to 3 pm
- **Friday, April 20** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, popcorn is provided, 2 pm**
- **Saturday, April 21** – Saturday Readers Book Club, Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Wednesday, April 25** – Adult Crafts at the Laughlin Library, Join Laughlin resident, Kathleen, as she teaches us how to crochet and knit. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided. 10:30 am**
- **Thursday, April 26** – VA benefits seminar at the Laughlin Library, 12 noon

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Art Exhibition at the Laughlin Library

Las Vegas native, Melissa Gaudet has studied at the London College of Communications and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography in New York. After art residencies in Italy and Spain last year, she has returned to Clark County to share her work here at home. Gaudet uses photographic methods to explore the function of memory and the interaction of life and death. Her life sized self-portraits and other art pieces in her *Exhale* exhibit will be on display at the Laughlin Library gallery from March 11 through May 19. For more information about Melissa and her art, visit

