

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Indian Springs VFD Chosen as Best in the State

At the Nevada State Fire Fighter's Conference held in Hawthorne, Nevada earlier this month, Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department Station 83 was named Nevada's Volunteer Fire Department of the Year! Led by Chief Garry Judd, the dedicated volunteers of Station 83 do tremendous work protecting the citizens of Indian Springs, providing service on US Highway 95 and assistance to Creech Air Force Base. As if that weren't enough, they are also an integral part of the community. They put on the Warrior Competition, the Miss Indian Springs pageant, escort Santa around the town at Christmas, participate in town parades, run concessions at the youth baseball games, put on a spectacular 4th of July celebration, participate in reading week at the school, and contribute to the community in many other ways. Congratulations to the whole crew!



Elephant and Piggie Puppet Show and Craft Buffet

The characters from the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems came to life and performed a puppet show to a crowd of 51 people to kick off the Summer Reading Program in Indian Springs. After the show, the kids were invited to a craft buffet where they got to make their own Elephant and Piggie puppets, tie-dye butterflies and bookmarks.



Summer Kick Off Party Fun in the Sun (and just a few sprinkles)

On Saturday, June 11th Clark County Parks and Recreation, Clark County Aquatics and the District C Commission Office hosted a summer kickoff party at the Indian Springs Community Pool. Although the afternoon started off with a little rain, it wasn't enough to stop the fun. The kids (and some adults, too!) had fun with water games including fill the bucket relays, searching for clear water bottles in the pool, and being the first team to defrost and put on a frozen t-shirt! Hot dogs and chips were served as everyone got ready for the movie under the stars. After some minor technical difficulties, everyone got to kick back and enjoy watching Zootopia from their chairs and blankets in the grass.



Events for July – Northwest

- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Mondays and Tuesdays** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center, 5 to 9 pm
- **Wednesdays** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center, 11 am to 3 pm
- **Saturday, July 2** – Celebrate freedom, fresh air, and fire safety at the Rock The Mountain concert at the Springs Mountains Visitors Gateway, music by Skin City, 5:30 pm, visit www.gomtcharleston.com for more information
- **Wednesday, July 8** – Make the best of your insurance, Navigators for C.A.R.E. NV will be available to help you maximize your savings and efficiency with your current health care coverage, Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
- **Thursday, July 14** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 27** – Movie and a craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3 pm, Cost \$1
- **Thursday, July 28** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm
- **Thursday, July 28** – Mt. Charleston TAB* Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7pm

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

It's a Grand Old Flag – Indian Springs 4th of July Celebration

Free admission at the pool, a parade through town, BBQ from John Mull's Road Kill Grill, and much more will make this year's Indian Springs 4th of July celebration spectacular! For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Indian-Springs-Volunteer-Fire-Department-NV-130757926989041/>

Parade Starting at 5:30 PM

The parade route will be going up McFarland Ave. and turn onto Fisher Ln., weaving through the town on its way back to the park by Indian Springs Schools. There are several good places to watch....

Celebration Starting at 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM

The event is being held in the grass park by Indian Springs Schools. We are hoping to create a family fun event that the entire town will love! There will be several games and activities for the whole family. We have hired the DJ, Vega Sounds, to provide music and entertainment for the event. John Mull's Road Kill Grill is catering the celebration. There will be limited tickets for sale the day of the event, so purchase your tickets early.

ISVFD Members and Associates, are selling the dinner tickets for \$14.00 per plate...

Each dinner plate includes all of the following:

Ribs, Chicken, Brisket, Hot Links, Baked Beans, Mac N Cheese, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, and Peach Cobbler, and Soda or Water!!!!

Please help us spread the word. The more people in attendance, the greater success and awesome time to be had by all!!!

**Indian Springs Pool will be open
July 4th from 1:00pm until 5:00pm with free admission!**

More pets get lost on July 4th than any other day of the year.

Source: HomeAgain

Keep your dog safe this Independence Day. Share these eight tips for enjoying the Fourth of July with your dog.



1 Be sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date and visible ID tag on her collar at all times.



2 Take a current photo of your dog, just in case.



3 Exercise your dog early in the day before parties begin.



4 During cookouts, ask guests to play with your dog away from the flames.



6 Keep dog treats on hand for those who want to give your dog food.



7 Leave your dog at home with a frozen stuffed treat during the fireworks.



8 If your dog is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to cover the fireworks.



5 Keep charcoal, fireworks, sparklers and glow sticks far from curious canines.

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Learn more at www.petfinder.com/SummerPetSafety

Events for July – 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.**
- **Saturday, July 12** – Movie and Ice Cream Party at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 2–5 pm
- **Tuesday, July 12** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, July 12** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, July 16** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **July 18, 21 and 25** – Volleyball Camp at the Sandy Valley School gym, 10 am to noon
- **Tuesday, July 26** – Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 27** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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

7 Sandy Valley Kids Qualify for National Finals

As you read this, 7 young people and their families from Sandy Valley are headed to Guthrie, Oklahoma to compete in The National Little Britches Finals from July 5th through the 10th. They will take 2 to 3 days traveling to the event logging approximately 17 hours of drive time with frequent stops for the contestants and their horses to rest. All of them have worked hard honing their skills and raising the funds to make the trip. Here are the competitors and the events in which they will be competing:

- Blake Bentley, 19 – Bulls & Ribbon Roping
- Brilynn Bentley, 16 – Barrels 7 Breakaway
- Shaylee Sharples, 11 – Barrels, Goats, Poles & Trail
- Emmy Jory Snook, 14 – Barrels, Breakaway, Goats & Poles
- Starr Snook, 5 – Barrels, Flags, Goats & Poles
- Dixie Timberlake, 7 – Barrels, Flags, Goats & Poles
- Heather Vale, 19 – Barrels, Poles & Trail

Good luck to everyone!!





Neighborhood College Fall Class of 2016 is Accepting Applications!

The Clark County Neighborhood College is a FREE, education and awareness program designed specifically for Clark County residents.

Over a period of 10 weeks, participants will:

- Meet Commission members, department heads, and staff
- Learn how decisions are made, how county funds are allocated, and how departments operate
- Enjoy comprehensive overviews of departments, programs, and services
- Discover the current status and future plans for Clark County's development, traffic, recreation, and other topics
- Participate in lively discussions, role-playing, and other fun interactive activities
- Become an informed, involved citizen

Classes start on September 12th and will conclude on November 14th. Each class will meet Monday evenings from 6 to 9pm for a total of 10 weeks. Please note: there will be no class on October 31st. The make-up class for October 31st will be on November 1st. Graduation will occur on November 16th at 6pm.

Participation in this program is limited.

If you are interested in being considered for the Neighborhood College Spring Class of 2016, complete and submit the application by **5:00pm on August 12, 2016.**



If you'd like to complete an online application, please visit: <http://goo.gl/forms/RQEKG0ftmWgQe9Lb2>, or contact the Neighborhood College Program at (702) 455-8593 or via email at ClarkCountyNeighborhoodCollege@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Moapa Valley HS Student Finalist in State Wide Design Contest

Congratulations to Brynne McMurray of Moapa Valley High School for having her design chosen as one of 4 finalists in the Welcome to Nevada sign contest. Out of the 94 entries, Brynne's work along with 3 others received the highest number of votes. Brynne, her fellow winners and their instructors will now work with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and the design experts at the Department of Transportation to create the new highway-ready signs that greet travelers as they enter Nevada.



Matthew Henson
Fernley High School
Fernley, NV

REGION 1: NORTHWEST



Emma Harris
Academy of Arts Careers and Technology
Reno, NV

REGION 2: NORTHEAST



Luke Tedesco
West Career and Technical Academy
Las Vegas, NV

REGION 3: SOUTHWEST



Brynne McMurray
Moapa Valley High School
Overton, NV

REGION 4: SOUTHEAST

Moapa Valley Planning for a Great Independence Day



The theme for the Moapa Valley July 4th 2016 Celebration is "HOMETOWN HEROES", celebrating our local Police, Firefighters and EMTs in Moapa Valley, who serve our community so well.

7:00 am FLAG RAISING – Provided by Local Cub Scouts and their leaders.

7:10 am YOUNG PATRIOTS ON PARADE – Decorate your scooters, bikes, strollers or just yourself in the most patriotic way possible. Time is approximate, will immediately follow the Flag Raising.

7:30 am: COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – Sponsored by the Rotary Club

KIDS GAMES AND FUN – Activities will include Candy Grabs, Water Games, Watermelon Busts, and more! More info coming soon.

6:30 pm: COMMUNITY DINNER – The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsors a community dinner, and this event is organized and coordinated by local resident Suzie Bennett.

8:00 pm: EVENING ENTERTAINMENT – Prior to the fireworks display, enjoy entertainment at the Fairgrounds. National Anthem will be sung by Lexi Robison.

9:00 pm: FIREWORKS DISPLAY – This fun filled day of activities concludes with the Fireworks Display.

All activities take place at the Clark County Fairgrounds at 1301 Whipple Logandale NV. For more information visit: <http://moapavalleychamber.com/event-2065779>

Events for July – Northeast

- **Tuesday, July 5** – 3D Drawing for ages 6–11 at the Bunkerville Library, 2 pm
- **Wednesday, July 6** – *Elephant and Piggie* puppet show and craft, ages 0–11, Bunkerville Library, 10:30 am
- **Wednesday, July 13** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, July 19** – Little STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) club explores ramps and gravity, Ages 0–5, 2 pm
- **Friday, July 22** – The Wizard of Oz presented by the Hempstead Stage Company at the Bunkerville Library, 11:15 am
- **Tuesday, July 26** – Club Read Craft buffet for ages 0–11 at the Bunkerville Library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, July 26** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, July 28** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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Lost Cities of Southern Nevada Exhibit

“Lost Cities of Southern Nevada,” is a museum exhibit on abandoned towns of Southern Nevada at The Lost City Museum in Overton. “Lost Cities of Southern Nevada,” explores the frequent cycles of growth, decline, and sometimes rebirth of communities in Southern Nevada by looking at the history of four areas of Delamar Mountains, The Meadow Valley Wash, Moapa Valley, and Eldorado Canyon. Abandonment of the Lost City area by the ancestral Puebloans is shown to be part of the ongoing story of migration into and out of southern Nevada.



The Lost City Museum actively engages people in understanding and celebrating Nevada’s natural and cultural heritage. One of seven museums managed by the Nevada Division of Museums and History, an agency of the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at 721 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton. Admission is \$5, children 17 and younger and members enter free. Take Interstate 15 north to exit 93. Access is also available from Lake Mead National Recreation Area or the Valley of Fire State Park. For more information, call the museum at (702) 397-2193 or visit Facebook.

Laughlin Gets Zapped!

If you have driven around Laughlin lately you may have noticed that the utility boxes have taken on a new look. They have been transformed as a part of the Zap program. Originally conceived in 2005 as a neighborhood project, the goal of the Zap! Program was to beautify the Winchester neighborhood and prevent graffiti - and it worked! Since then, 6 more neighborhoods in the Las Vegas Valley have received the Zap treatment. Now, with Zap 8 in Laughlin, the program has expanded beyond the city.

The artists for Zap 8 were chosen by a jury comprised of neighborhood residents, art educators/administrators, artists, business owners and utility representatives. To learn more about the Zap! program and previous projects visit:

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks/Pages/zap-homepage.aspx>



Events for July – Southeast

- **Tuesday, July 12** – United Blood Services Blood Drive at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Thursday, July 14** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Tuesday, July 12** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 13** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Saturday, July 16** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm**
- **Wednesday, July 20** – The Wizard of Oz performed by Hempstead Stage Company at the Laughlin Library, 10:30 am
- **Sunday, July 24** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, July 26** – Mad Science for ages 5–11 at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, July 31** – Meet the artists of the Zap 8 project and view their artwork at the Laughlin Library, 9 am

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Rockets Over The River in Laughlin

The Independence Day celebration lasts all weekend in Laughlin with fireworks displays just after dark on July 2nd and 4th. The 26th annual Rockets Over The River fireworks display will be free for public viewing along the entire Laughlin River Walk. This extraordinary display is one of the most spectacular and unique in the West as the rockets are launched into the dark desert sky with the reflection of each colorful explosion shimmering on the Colorado River. Patriotic music will be choreographed to the fireworks and simulcast over speakers by Laughlin hotels and local radio stations.

