

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Plan Your Fall Visit To The Desert National Wildlife Refuge

While a visit to the Desert National Wildlife Refuge is always interesting, the cooler autumn weather and the programs being offered this month make the trip even more enticing. Information about both programs is listed below, or you can find out more at www.fws.gov/refuge/desert

While you are there, be on the lookout for the Striped Meadowhawk (*Sympetrum pallipes*). On July 27, 2017, refuge visitor & volunteer Neil McDonal observed and photographed a male Striped Meadowhawk along the Coyote Loop near the orchard and stream. This may be the first confirmed record for this species of dragonfly in Clark County! Then, on July 31st, refuge volunteer Jeanne Tinsman went looking for the dragonfly and found a female of the same species! Striped Meadowhawks prefer habitats such as temporarily flooded marshes, ponds, lakes, and vegetated streams. They will lay their eggs over dry grassy basins; rain then washes the eggs into appropriate habitats for the larva to develop and grow. For more great information like this and upcoming events, follow the Refuge's Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DesertNWR/>



Junior Refuge Ranger Day!
at Desert National Wildlife Refuge
October 14, 2017
10am-2pm

Become a Junior Refuge Ranger!
Free, Family-friendly Event!
Discover wildlife
Learn about your National Wildlife Refuges
Earn a Junior Refuge Ranger Badge
Come celebrate National Refuge Week
Rain or Shine
Tons of fun, hands-on activities for all ages!



For more information, call the Visitor Center at (702)879-6110 or check us out at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/desert/> and <https://www.facebook.com/DesertNWR/>
16001 Corn Creek Road, Las Vegas, NV 89124

Two Deserts, One Sky

A Student Collaboration between
Western Rajasthan, India and Southern Nevada, U.S.A.

Thar Desert, Rajasthan, India



Mojave Desert, Nevada, U.S.A.

**CORN CREEK VISITOR CENTER
DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
Opening Presentation
Sunday, October 8
1 - 2 pm

Exhibit on Display
Sept. 1 - Dec. 1, 2017

Desert National Wildlife Refuge, Las Vegas, NV
16001 Corn Creek Road
Las Vegas, NV 89124

Contact Jennifer Heroux at 702.515.5453 or jennifer_heroux@fws.gov for more information.

This exhibit made possible by the generosity of Artists for Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Flag Football Is In Full Swing in Indian Springs

Youth Flag Football games are being played every Saturday from 5 to 8 pm at the Indian Springs High School Football Field. 8U games begin at 5 pm, 10U games start at 6 pm, and 13U games begin at 7 pm. There is no entrance fee and concessions are available by the bleachers. Come on out and support the kids!





Indian Springs
Volunteer Fire Department

Presents Our Annual

Spooktacular Halloween Festival!

**Friday - October 27th
At the Community Center**

From 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM - Come up and enjoy ...

Carnival Games ☠️ **Face Painting**
🕷️ **Crafts** 🕸️ **Bake Sale** 🕷️

Have your kids arrive in Costume ...

Costume Contest

will be judged in stages during the event.

Trunk or Treat Will Start at 7:00pm

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



High Desert Seniors



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.





Trick-or-Treat!



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

Events for October – Northwest

- **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
- **Weekdays at Indian Spring Elementary School** – After School Safekey Program. A recreational program for children in grades K–6. Participants must be at least 5 years of age or in kindergarten, through 13 years of age at the start of the school year in order to participate. After school until 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per day per participant. For more information or to register your child, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room located next to the elementary school playground
- **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, October 7, 14 & 21** – Indian Springs Youth Flag Football games at the High School Football Field. Games begin at 5pm. Support the kids by coming out to watch the games!
- **Thursday, October 12** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 14** – High Desert Seniors Harvest Potluck, bring your favorite Harvest, Fall or Halloween themed food to share, 2 to 4 pm at the Indian Springs Community Center
- **Thursday, October 19** – Bingo at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 to 9 pm
- **Saturday, October 28** – High Desert Seniors Pancake Breakfast at the Indian Springs Community Center, 8 to 10 am.
- **Thursday, November 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

27th Annual Fall Harvest Festival at The Farm

Festival activities include antique tractor hay wagon rides, cow train for toddlers, pony rides, and more. Visitors will find a large selection of specialty pumpkins and squash, along with artisanal breads, jams and jellies, local honey and farm–fresh eggs. Farmer’s Market: No Charge; Concession/Rides: costs vary; Festival Entry/Animals: \$5 Adults \$3 Children. All proceeds from the FESTIVAL benefit the 501(c)3 non–profit BARN BUDDIES RESCUE. The Farm is located at 7222 West Grand Teton Drive. For additional information and questions, please call 702–982–8000 or email Contact@thelasegasfarm.com



October 13, 20, 30-31	October 14-15, 21-22, 27- 29
MARKET: 3pm-7pm	MARKET: 9am-7pm
ANIMALS: Closed	ANIMALS 9am-7pm
RIDES: Closed	RIDES: 9am-4pm
CONCESSION: Closed	CONCESSION: 9am-4pm

Sandy Valley Hosts Fall Festivals

Keystone Presents the
Annual Fall Festival!
Saturday, October 7th
From 11am to 4pm
 featuring:
Hay Rides ~ Farmer's Market ~
Vendor Booths ~ Games for the Kids
FREE ADMISSION!



Introducing the
Gems & Junkers Car Show
 see vehicles from all over Las Vegas and surrounding areas
 Prize Categories:
 Mad Max Award – Most Creative; Gremlin Award – Least Attractive;
 Marilyn Award – Prettiest; Tow Mater Award – Rustiest Bucket
 Easy Rider Award – Best of 1-, 2- or 3-Wheelers; Henry Ford Award
 – Oldest Vehicle; Napoleon Dynamite Award – Judge's Choice
 and the James Dean Award – Coolest Overall
 \$5 Entry Fee Per Vehicle Per Category ~ 10 Cents a Vote



... and the return of
Mama's Wranglers
at 2pm
 Inside Keystone Center
 \$10 adults / \$5 kids under 13



Vendor Booths: \$25 – Inside and Outside
 Non-Profit Vendors: \$10
 Outdoor Space available on the day of event
 Vendor/Vehicle Entry Forms & Show
 Tickets at SV Post Office

Fundraiser for KEF, 115 North Miami Street, Sandy Valley, NV ~ (702)869-6416



Huse Ranch Fall Festival
 491 Flag St. Sandy Valley Nv. 89019
 October 7th 2017

We Will Be Offering:
 1 LQ Cabin, It Sleeps 2--\$25.00 P/N
 Stalls For \$10.00 Per Night 6 Available
 Hookups \$15.00 Per Night 3 Available
 Overnight Camping Is Free
 Clean Restrooms
 Call Ricki For More Info. At:
 1-702-510-0409

Join Us For A Fun Packed Weekend
 Friday Evening : Homecooked Meal,
 and Bon Fire /Marshmallow Roast
 Saturday: Bar B Que, Ice Cream Cones
 There will also be a Poker Hand \$5.00
 buy in and 3 extra cards for \$1 each
 1st place 50%, 2nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%
 For More info go to :
 Equinetrailsports.com (Huse Ranch Fall Festival)

What Makes ETS Different?

- Choose Your Challenge Level that best suits you and your horse at each obstacle!
- Enjoy new trails and make new friends at our family friendly events!
- Event registration is half price for all students!
- Membership is free to all students (7-22 years old)!
- No cost to register your equines!
- Obstacles are not timed!
- Events are open to all breeds of horses, donkeys and mules.
- Exciting tournaments for added fun!

Ride for Fun, Ride to Learn.
 Trail Challenge. Obstacle Course. Recreation Ride.
 WWW.EQUINETRAILSPORTS.COM



Goodsprings VFD Open House

Chief Colleen and her crew are busy getting the Goodsprings Volunteer Fire Station ready for their Annual Open House this Saturday, October 7, 2017. With the nice fall weather upon us, it is the perfect time to make the short trip out to Goodsprings to check out the equipment displays, take a tour of the station, and have a bite to eat. The open house is from 10 am to 2 pm at 375 N. Beacon Street.



GOODSPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION
WELCOMES YOU TO THE
Fire Prevention Week
Open House



Saturday, October 7
From 10AM - 2PM
375 N. BEACON ST. GOODSPRINGS, NV 89019

Apparatus display, station tours, food, a visit from Mavis Alf and MORE!

Events for October – Southwest

- **Mondays at the Keystone in Sandy Valley** – Free Low-Impact Yoga and Qigong, 9:30 am
- **Wednesdays at the Blue Diamond Library** – Blowin' off STEAM. Have fun with building sets! Ages 6 – 11, 3 pm
- **Friday, October 6** – General meeting and Potluck at the SV Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Sunday, October 8** – Taco night at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 5 to 7 pm
- **Monday, October 9** – Pumpkin carving party at the SV Community Center, 6 pm, \$10 per person
- **Tuesday, October 10** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Monday, October 16** – Holiday craft class – witches, cats & spiders! 18 and over, 6:30 pm, \$2 per project
- **Thursday, October 19** – Third Thursday Potluck and Movies at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 6 pm
- **Saturday, October 21** – 6th Competition in the Sandy Valley Play Day Association Series and the Annual Horse and Rider Costume Contest, sign ups at 9 and ride starts at 10 at the Keystone Center
- **Saturday, October 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
- **Tuesday, October 31** – Truck or Treat at Peace Park in Sandy Valley, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, November 1** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council



Kaity McBride – Miss Rodeo Nevada 2017

For 60 years, Miss Rodeo Nevada has promoted the sport of professional rodeo and provided opportunities for young women in Nevada. Every year a young woman is selected to serve as Miss Rodeo Nevada and represent our state in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Throughout the year, Miss Rodeo Nevada travels the country sharing information about Nevada, our western heritage, and the sport of rodeo.



This year's Miss Rodeo Nevada, Kaity McBride, is from Logandale – right here in Clark County. She is studying for a Degree in Business at UNLV and her Escrow Officer License with her ultimate goal to own a title company.

She has held numerous rodeo royalty titles, but is also an avid softball player earning a varsity letter all four years of high school and also earning a state championship for tennis. She also has a wide variety of other interests including surfing, snowboarding, four-wheeling, snorkeling and hunting with her grandpa.



In December 2017, Kaity will represent Nevada at the 2018 Miss Rodeo America Pageant at the NFR in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more about the Miss Rodeo Nevada Organization, visit <http://missrodeonevada.com/>

Family Friendly Carnival
Friday October 20, 2017
5-7pm
Old Overton Gym
353 W. Thomas
(corner of Anderson & Thomas)

***Food *Bake Sale *Game Booths**
***Prizes *Popcorn**
You can wear your Halloween costume!
Also feel free to sign up for gym membership
Donations are also welcome!

"NEW THIS YEAR"
 We will be raffling off 2 Gym Memberships & 2 free Gym Rentals
 *If you Sign up with us for a Membership during the carnival you will receive 3 raffle ticket to be entered in for a chance to win a free Gym Rental!
 Raffle tickets will be \$ 1.00 each

You can find us on Facebook or check out our website for more info: oldovertongym.com

Fourth Annual LOGANDALE Fall Festival 2017
BBQ & BLUEGRASS!

Oct. 20-22, 2017
Clark Co. Fairgrounds
Logandale, Nevada

Stage & sound produced by:

BLUEGRASS ETC. with JOHN MOORE, DENNIS CAPLINGER, STEVE SPRUGIN
 - FLINTHILL SPECIAL - JUST FOR FUN
 - NEW SOUTH FORK - FREQUENT FLYERS
 - MARTY WARBURTON AND THE HOME GIRLS - RED ROCK EXPRESS
 - RED SANDS
 BLUE GRASS BAND
 - FERTILE DIRT BAND
AND MORE!!!!!!

THE VINTAGE MARTINS
 featuring **RON BLOCK**
 of Alison Krauss and Union Station

BBQ COOKOFF • BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL • CRAFT FAIR
ROCK & GEM SHOW • KID ZONE • SMALL ANIMAL FAIR

Tickets, Camping/RV or Vendor Info:
LogandaleFallFestival.com
 or call: 702-379-5919

Kids under 12 are FREE!

Fall weather means fun-filled weekends in Moapa Valley

Moapa Valley may be quiet during the summer, but sure makes up for that when cooler weather arrives! Every weekend in October has multiple activities to consider.

The Moapa Valley Corn Maze is open every weekend in October and several mid-week nights; it is filled with farm-themed events and the super popular haunted Corn Maze. This event is held on a working farm and this year (if you get lost), farm related 'clues' will help you find your way out of the maze—and in case getting scared isn't for you (or your young children) a day maze and night maze have all the fun without any of the heart-stopping scariness! Check out their website for details and directions and be sure to review all the free activities included in the admission price---Nevada's largest swing set and pumpkin checkers hint at the wacky, family-fun things to do! <http://mvcornmaze.com/>

The 18th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show is at Overton Park in the grass and is free to the public. It's the perfect opportunity to keep your money in your wallet and enjoy a easy-going fun day by viewing the collector cars, visiting booths, and mingling with old & new friends. It is small-town USA at its best! <https://www.moapavalleychamber.com/event-2440468>

And if your cup of tea is a day playing in the sand, riding trails, climbing rocks, and enjoying Nevada's great outdoors, then plan on spending a day at Logandale Trails. And take time to use the brand new restrooms, just finished and ready for the busy fall season. BLM staff and local care-takers are all extremely proud of the new restrooms and want the world to know that the most definitely new and most definitely improved restrooms have replaced the dilapidated ones of old. Each restroom was funded by Nevada grants; the main trailhead was funded by OHV registration money through the Nevada OHV Commission and the second restroom was funded by a percentage of federal gas taxes that are dispersed to each state to fund recreational trails projects. <https://www.facebook.com/logandaletrails/>



The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce presents



**The 18th Annual
Car &
Motorcycle Show**

Saturday, October 14, 2017
8:30 AM til 4:30 PM



On the grass at the Overton Park
Cash Prizes and Raffles
20 Classes and Special Awards
Open Header Contest
FREE Breakfast for car show Registrants

Events for October – Northeast

- **Wednesday, October 11** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, October 31** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, November 2** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

Events for October – Southeast

- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club, Ages 5–11, 4 pm
- **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
- **Sunday, October 1** – Movie Matinee, Boss Baby, at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm**
- **Saturday, October 7** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 3 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 10** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, October 11** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Sunday, October 15** – The Art of Mike Schwartz at the Laughlin Library. Schwartz paints to amuse the view with bright splashes of viv colors, a sharp contract to the dark days he spent as a teenager in the Auschwitz concertration camp during the holocaust, 6 pm
- **Thursday, October 19** – Pumpkin painting at the Laughlin Library, 4 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 24** – Game Club at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm**
- **Thursday, October 26** – Boo Bash at the Laughlin Li-BOO-rary, 4 pm**



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

Talk Like A Pirate Day Fun at the Laughlin Library



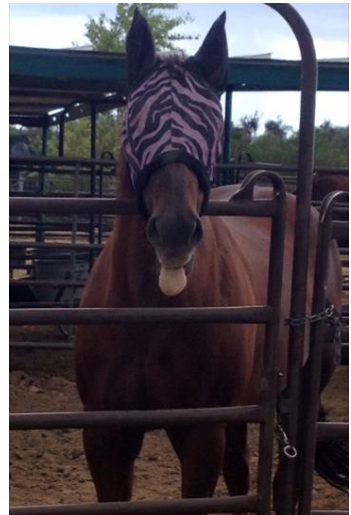
Letter from the Editor: One Horse Can Change Your Life

I have been horse crazy my entire life. I think it is in my DNA. My mom was a barrel racer and rodeo queen in Iowa and I loved to hear stories about her horse, Silver. Growing up, everything I did revolved around horses – the decorations in my childhood bedroom, art projects, high school essays, the books I read, and all of my hopes and dreams. However, for all of my passion, I had very little interaction with horses. I rode a handful of times – and the majority of those were on paid trail rides.

All of that changed 4 years ago. At a CAC meeting in Sandy Valley they announced that a new Play Day Series was beginning. All I knew was that it involved horses and I wanted to be a part of it. For the first 2 competitions, I was lucky enough to share my friend's horse, Apache. Without ever having a lesson and very few actual rides under my belt, I mounted up and rode out into the arena as if I had been riding my whole life. Thank goodness Apache knew what he was doing! For the 3rd competition, Apache wasn't able to make the trip down to Sandy Valley anymore, so I found myself without a horse to ride. Another friend said that she had a "spunky mare named Zanadee" for me to ride. When I showed up to ride Zanadee that first time, I had no idea that I was meeting the horse that would change the course of my life.

As we rode into the arena for the first event, Zanadee took off! She had been trained in roping and barrel racing, so she set out to do her job. I held on for dear life and managed to stay in the saddle for each event. At the end of the day, I was a mixture of exhaustion and exhilaration. As several of us stood around talking, Zanadee lowered her head and pushed it into my chest and just let me love on her. Her owner was astounded because, as I would come to find out, that was very uncharacteristic of her. I think in that moment she knew she had found her person and within the next month, she became my horse.

For months, I was hardly able to be near Zanadee without overflowing with tears of joy. I owned a horse! I was fulfilling a lifelong dream! She was definitely as spunky, as well as athletic, ornery, stubborn at times, funny, and completely reliable. I trusted her with my life every time I mounted up and in return, she took care of me. The few times that I fell off (all of which were rider error) she never left my side. As I progressed with my riding skills and confidence, she was right there with me. Eventually, my husband began riding, too, and our horse adventures expanded. We went horse camping in Lovell Canyon and Pine Valley, trail riding with the Back Country Horsemen in Red Rock and Valley of Fire, running up sand dunes and crossing washes, competing in Play Days and obstacle challenges, riding in parades, ranch sorting, winning ribbons and buckles, and



dressing up in Halloween costumes. Perhaps our best trip was to southern Utah where we rode in the back country of Zion National Park. Zanadee and my husband's mare, Chevy, took us on a day long, amazing ride across streams and through grassy meadows.

Naturally, we introduced our grandkids to riding, and Zanadee taught them both to love horses and riding. Even though they started young and inexperienced, I never had a moment of doubt that my big, chestnut mare would take care of them.

In the summer of 2016, we decided that we were ready to make a move to the country where we could have our horses right in our back door. We bought our little ranch down in Sandy Valley and the first thing we did was build the stalls for the horses. Bringing them home that first day was one of the happiest moments of my life. It was amazing to look out my kitchen window and see the horses doing all their horsey stuff. Eventually, our herd grew and we were the lucky owners of 5 beautiful horses.

Late last fall, Zanadee started to show weakness and stiffness in her back legs. We tried exercise, stall rest, anti-inflammatories, steroid injections - everything we could think of. The vet took x-rays, but there wasn't anything specifically wrong. Zanadee turned 24 this spring, and although I knew she was old, I thought we would find that right treatment that would help, so we kept trying.

The first time we discovered her laying down and unable to get up, it was heartbreaking. But, with the help of my husband and a friend, we were able to help her get back on her feet. Since that first time, she had struggled with getting up several times over the next months, but we were always able to help her. On the morning of September 16th, my husband looked out the window and saw that Zanadee was down in her stall. It looked like she had probably been down most of the night. Along with the help of a friend, we tried for 3 hours to get her up. I realized that it was time for me to let her go. She had always been a very proud, dignified mare and this was no longer a dignified existence for her. Surrounded by a group of amazing friends, I said goodbye.

Although I am still struggling with the grief and find myself dissolving into tears at unexpected moments, I am so thankful. Thankful that I had the chance to know and love her. Thankful for all of the amazing adventures she accompanied me on. Thankful for the confidence she helped me to find. Thankful that she introduced my grandkids to the wonderful world of horses. Thankful for all of the people she brought into my life. Thankful that I now know the incredible feeling of moving through the world with the wind in my hair and hoof prints behind me.

