

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Work begins on Peace Park Renovations

After years of waiting and much anticipation, the final phase of the \$3 million renovation of Sandy Valley's Peace Park has begun! The upgrade of the well/water system for the entire site, which includes the park, Community Center, Library, Fire Station, Senior Center, and baseball field, was Phase 1 and was completed earlier this year. Phase 2 includes a splash pad, a walking trail, covered outdoor exercise equipment, new lighting, seating areas, and lots of other improvements. In order to expedite the project, the contractor will be working on all of the elements simultaneously. And, because the improvements are so extensive, the entire park must be fenced off and secured. It is going to be exciting to watch the transformation take place. The project is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of 2019. Commissioner Brager will host a dedication ceremony will be held in December with date still to be determined.



## Free Blessing of the Animals

Sandy Valley's St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church will host a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The service will take place at the west end of Peace Park near the Senior Center in Sandy Valley. Pets and animals of all kinds are welcome as long as they are leashed and under the owner's control. Owners will receive certificates with their pet's names to commemorate the occasion.

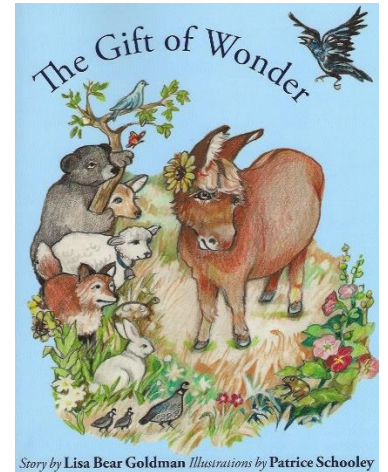
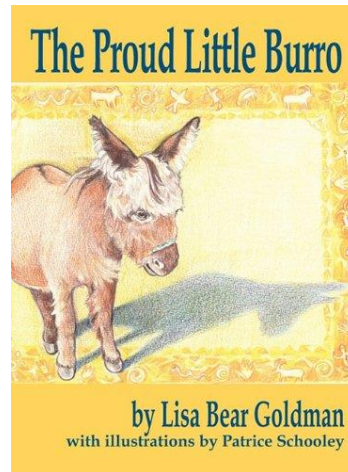




## Second Saturday: Artists and Authors

This month's guest at the Red Rock Visitor Center is author Lisa Goldman. Lisa's books include *The Proud Little Burro*, *Amadito* and *Spider Woman*, and *The Gift of Wonder* which was the 2015 Gold Medal Winner for the 2015 Nautilus Book Awards.

Come meet Lisa and get your book signed between 11 am and 3 pm on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Red Rock Visitor Center.



## State Route 160 Widening Continues

If you have traveled “over the hump to Pahrump” in the past year and a half, you have seen some major changes that NDOT has made to State Route 160 (Blue Diamond Road) between Red Rock Canyon and Mile Marker 17. The five-mile, \$16.5 million project included expanding the highway from two to four lanes and adding an additional passing lane in each direction. Completed on May 31, 2017, this was just Phase 1 of a larger project that is now continuing to the west.

Phase 2 involves a six-mile stretch of State Route 160 from Mile Marker 16.3 to Mile Marker 22. This \$58.6 million project will expand the highway from two to four lanes as the road goes up past Mt. Potosi Canyon Road and through the community of Mountain Springs. Contractors, in total, will move enough dirt and rock to fill 120 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The project calls for installing 5 miles of raised concrete median barrier, new signage, bicycle lanes, flattening side slopes for safer turnouts, placing new cattleguards and a wildlife undercrossing near Mile Marker 18. The Mountain Springs Community will receive new frontage roads, improved intersection lighting and an emergency signal for Clark County Volunteer Fire Station #79.

As Phase 2 gets underway, NDOT has been doing some blasting to remove bedrock outcroppings. Additional blasting will take place as the project progresses to the west. During the blasting phases, State Route 160 will be closed to traffic. Blasting days are intermittent and notification is being provided via message boards, emails and updates on NDOT's website:

<https://www.nevadadot.com/home>



## Events for October – Southwest

- **Monday, October 5** – Potluck at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 1 pm
- **Sunday, October 7** – Blessing of the Animals at Peace Park in Sandy Valley, 11 am
- **Tuesday, October 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Development Association meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 9** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 11, 18 & 25** – Women’s Yoga Circle at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7 pm, \$6
- **Saturday, October 15** – Health and Happiness Expo at the Sandy Valley Fire Station, 10 am to 3 pm
- **Saturday, October 20** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$4.00 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Monday, October 8 & 22** – Craft class at the Sandy Valley Community Center – 18 and over, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 27** – Sandy Valley Playday, BJC Arena at Keystone in Sandy Valley, sign ups at 9, event starts at 10
- **Tuesday, October 30** – Goodsprings CAC\* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm

\*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council



**WINTER SERIES  
2018-2019**

September 29  
October 27  
November 17  
January 19  
February 16  
March 16

**Sign Up Starts at 9:00  
Time Only Runs 9:15  
Show Begins 10:00**

BJC Arena  
115 N. Miami  
Sandy Valley

**\$30 entry fee**

For details find "Sandy Valley Playday Association" on Facebook or contact  
Meggan Holzer at  
702-373-3924 or  
megganholzer@hotmail.com

**A FUN FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
EVENT FOR ALL  
AGES AND RIDING ABILITIES.**

Each show will include barrels, flags, a rotating speed event and a trail course.

Year-end awards for riders that participate in 4 out of 6 shows!

Raffle prizes every month - every paid entry receives a free ticket!

Horse and rider costume contest during the October show with great prizes!

## Sandy Valley Senior Center Celebrates 10 Years

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> members of the Sandy Valley Senior Center and other Sandy Valley residents celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building. The festivities included cake and ice cream and a raffle for a butterfly quilt which was won by Joan Dance. The Center is an gathering place for the entire community. Programs for seniors include a wide variety of activities like potlucks, classes, and games. Events and meetings for all Sandy Valley residents are also held at the facility including fund-raising dinners, an annual craft bazaar and their very well-attended pancake breakfasts held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.







**Indian Springs  
Parks & Recreation**

**“Movie and A Craft”**

**Saturday – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

We will be showing the movie

**“the Book of Life”** from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm.



**HOME ALONE**

Is the journey of Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Before choosing which path to follow, he embarks on an incredible adventure that spans three fantastical worlds where he must face his greatest fears. THE BOOK OF LIFE encourages us to celebrate the past while looking forward to the future.

Rating – PG / Fantasy Adventure  
Runtime: 1 hour 30 minutes

You are welcome to bring your own snacks and water bottles to drink. (water only) Feel free to bring your own blankets and pillows. There is no cost for the movie. Children, younger than school age are welcome; however, an adult would need to stay with them.

Starting at 2:35 pm, we will be having kids craft related to the movie. Cost for the craft is \$1.00.

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**High Desert Seniors**



From 5:00 PM until Chili is gone.

Event date is **October 26th**, during the Spooktacular Halloween Festival at the Community Center Senior's entry fee is **\$7.00** and **\$10.00** for non-members; you must bring your own extras, i.e.: cheese, onions, etc.

**You do not need to be a senior to enter; anyone over 18 years of age is welcome!**

E-mail [Mdukkmiller@gmail.com](mailto:Mdukkmiller@gmail.com) for details or to enter the cook-off

All constantans must register and pay no later than **October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Bowls of Chili for Donations Appreciated  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE HIGH DESERT SENIORS.**

**ALL CHILI MUST BE HOME MADE NO CANNED!!!**

Name of Cook \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Chili \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid \_\_\_\_\_



**Indian Springs  
Volunteer Fire Department**



*Waffles*

SUNDAY MORNING MUST-HAVE

**Sunday-October 7<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am Until 11:00am  
@ The Community Center  
Donations Greatly Appreciated**

**Indian Springs**  
Volunteer Fire Department  
**Presents Our Annual**

**Spooktacular  
Halloween Festival!**  
**Friday - October 26th**  
**At the Community Center**

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

- ☠ **Carnival Games** ☠
- 🎨 **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](mailto: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** – The Indian Springs After School Safekey Program is 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 5:30pm cost is \$6 a day per participant. For more information or to register your child, call 702–879–3890 or stop by the Safekey room which is 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 at Trucks Field in Indian Springs** – Just for Fun Softball, all residents 18 and over are welcome to participate, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 11** – Indian Springs TAB\* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 18** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 18+, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, November 1** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board



### Become a Junior Refuge Ranger!



Free, Family-friendly Event!  
Discover wildlife

Learn about your National Wildlife Refuges  
Earn a Junior Refuge Ranger Badge

Discover Nature App Launch - Refuge Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Game  
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



## Volunteers Help to “Green the Mountain”

Over 400 volunteers joined Southern Nevada Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service–Humboldt–Toiyabe National Forest, Heineken, Smith's Food and Drug Stores, Green Valley Grocery, PT's Entertainment Group, Breakthru Beverage Nevada – Las Vegas, Republic Services, Red Bull, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and 93.1 The Mountain for a litter pickup and lunch with live music by Stoked. Over 2000 pounds of litter was collected in 2 hours. Afterwards, attendees celebrated the installation of 13 new trash and recycling bins with lunch and drinks!



## It's Harvest Festival Time at The Farm

October means Harvest Festival time at The Farm! Festival activities include pony rides, cow train for toddlers, and the amazing maize maze. A wide variety of squash and pumpkins are available for purchase along with artisanal breads, jams, jellies, local honey, and fresh eggs. All proceeds benefit Barn Buddies Rescue. For more information, directions or to volunteer, visit The Farm's website at: <http://thelasvegasfarm.com/>





## Events for October – Northeast

- **Wednesday, October 10** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, October 30** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, November 1** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board

## National Public Lands Day Celebration at Logandale Trails

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is held every year on the 4th Saturday of September and is a day of national service dedicated to taking care of our public lands. Partners In Conservation (PIC) has partnered with BLM for the past 4 years, hosting a NPLD event at Logandale Trails each year. This year around 125 people attended and picked up trash along the trails and campsites. Other tasks accomplished that day were painting trim on the new restroom and installing safety signage at key intersections.

BLM personnel handed out t-shirts and organized all the tasks, plus they had a variety of experts on hand to visit with the volunteers. Local BLM ranger for the trails, Stephen Neel, discussed safety gear with youngsters and Adam Floyd brought his personal pet tortoise to the event for kids to admire and adore. But, the BLM fire truck got the most attention as BLM fire fighters entertained a constant stream of excited kids.

The Girl Scouts were well represented this year as Jessa Freeman, for her Bronze Project, made a presentation about respecting the trails. The BLM was delighted with her efforts and many volunteers stopped by to read her display boards and thank her for her work.

The event ended around 12:30 but many stayed to enjoy the lovely September day by hiking, visiting with others, or going for a trail ride. In fact, many Vegas clubs have made this yearly cleanup a day-long activity for their members and plan different trail rides in the afternoon each year; the trails seem even more scenic with all the trash picked up!



## Events for October – Southeast

- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** –Follow the Child Family Play Group, Ages 0–5, 10:30 am; Lego Club, Ages 5–11, 4 pm; #Selfietime, Ages 8–12, 5 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, October 3** – YogAlive at the Laughlin Library, Ages 8–12, 5:30 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, October 4** – Tech Thursday: Tinker Lab at the Laughlin Library, ages 5–11, 4:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 9** – Music Club: Drumming Fun at the Laughlin Library, Ages 8–11, 4 pm\*\*
- **Tuesday, October 9** – Laughlin TAB\* Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays, October 10 & 24** – Peaceful parenting at the Laughlin Library, Adults only, 5:30 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, October 11** – Spooky STEM at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Sunday, October 14** – Origami, 1:30 pm; Tea at 3, 3 pm – both at the Laughlin Library\*\*
- **Monday, October 15** – LVCCLD Website 101 at the Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Thursday, October 18** – Pumpkin Painting at the Laughlin Library, All Ages, 4:30 pm\*\*
- **Friday, October 19** – Kids Craft Corner, Ages 5–11, 3 pm\*\*
- **Saturday, October 20** – Saturday Readers Book Club: *The Price Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan, Laughlin Library, 11 am\*\*
- **Wednesday, October 24** – Laughlin Writers at the Laughlin Library: Local writers, both published and unpublished, come together to improve their craft and share their passions, 2 pm\*\*
- **Wednesday, October 31** – Searchlight TAB\* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, October 31** – Li-Boo-Rary Halloween Party at the Laughlin Library, All Ages, 4:30 pm\*\*

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

**The Laughlin Library presents**

# Spooky Movie Screenings

**We dare you to celebrate October with our favorite scary, and sometimes silly, spooky films. Treats will be provided.**

**Sunday, October 7**

**1:00 p.m. Hocus Pocus (PG)**  
**3:00 p.m. Tyler Perry's Boo! (PG-13)**

**Sunday, October 21**

**1:00 p.m. The 'Burbs (PG)**  
**3:00 p.m. The Addams Family (PG-13)**

**Wednesday, October 31**

**11:00 a.m. Shaun of the Dead (R)**  
**1:00 p.m. Invasion of the Body Snatchers (NR)**  
**3:00 p.m. Get Out (R)**  
**5:00 p.m. Night of the Living Dead (NR)**

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The Laughlin Chamber Present's  
**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Achievement Awards**  
 Laughlin's only Black Tie Gala of the year!  
**October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce hosts it's annual Community Achievement Awards each October. This event honors local citizens, organizations, and businesses in our Colorado River Region.

*Every time you encounter*  
 a person  
 a business  
 an organization  
 that deserves *consideration & recognition*

**NOMINATE THEM!**  
[www.laughlinchamber.com/caa](http://www.laughlinchamber.com/caa)



Tickets? Questions? Call 702-298-2214



Hosted by The Laughlin Elks 2872

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 6**

Music & Food 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Craft Vendors – Food – Music – Raffles - Kids Jumper & so much more**

**Brats & Sauerkraut - Hot Dogs – Pull Pork Sandwich - Beer & Wine Booth**



**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 60**



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



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## Rocky's Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

Rocky turns 1 this month! It has been quite and exciting year for him – and for all of his furry and feathered buddies on the ranch. Of course, Mom and Dad have some birthday festivities planned. Next month's newsletter will have full coverage of all of the birthday fun!

