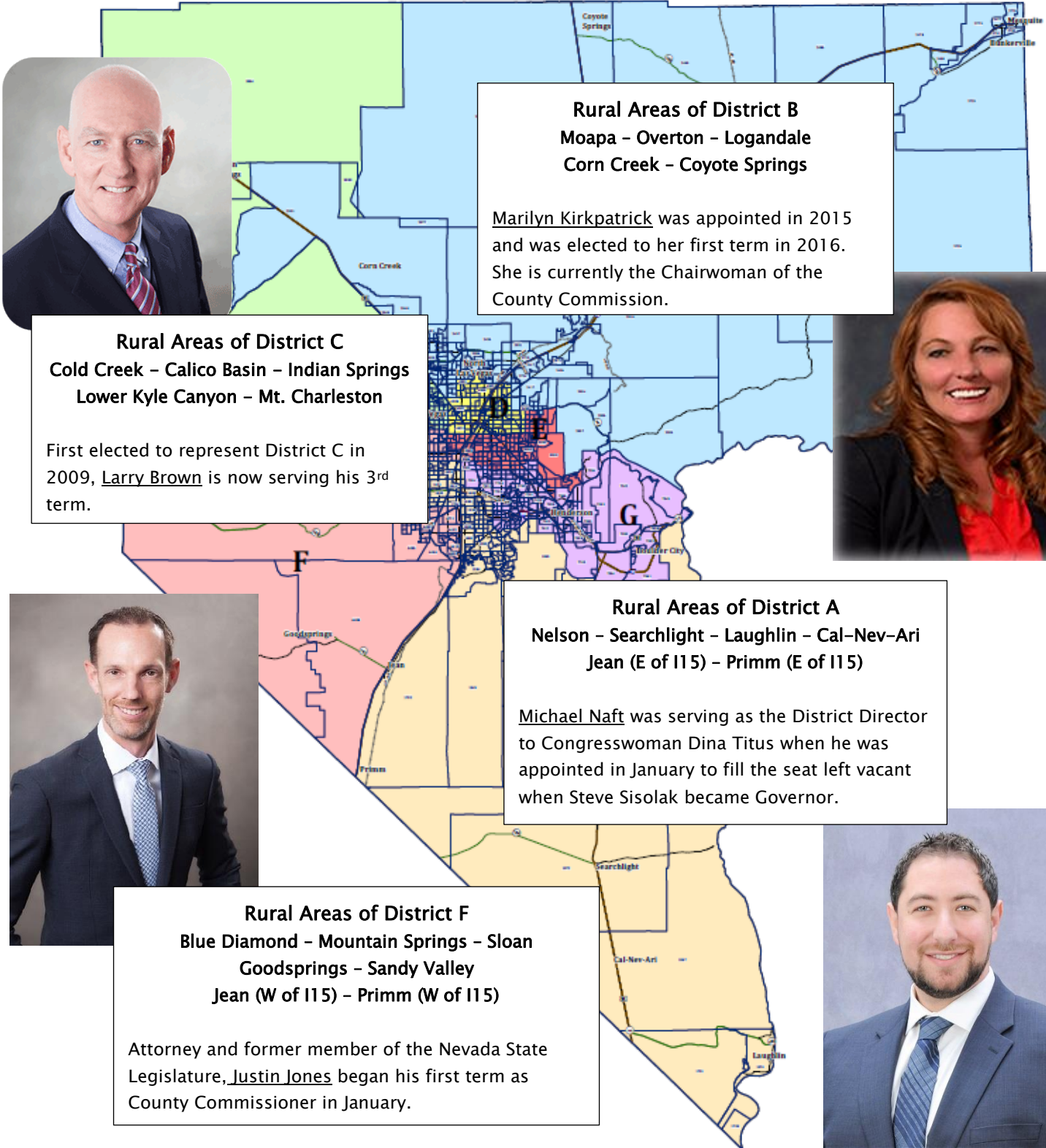


# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## New Year Brings New Commissioners for Some Rural Areas



**Rural Areas of District B**  
 Moapa – Overton – Logandale  
 Corn Creek – Coyote Springs

Marilyn Kirkpatrick was appointed in 2015 and was elected to her first term in 2016. She is currently the Chairwoman of the County Commission.

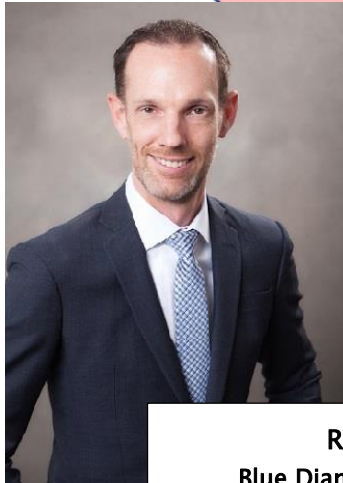


**Rural Areas of District C**  
 Cold Creek – Calico Basin – Indian Springs  
 Lower Kyle Canyon – Mt. Charleston

First elected to represent District C in 2009, Larry Brown is now serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**Rural Areas of District A**  
 Nelson – Searchlight – Laughlin – Cal-Nev-Ari  
 Jean (E of I15) – Primm (E of I15)

Michael Naft was serving as the District Director to Congresswoman Dina Titus when he was appointed in January to fill the seat left vacant when Steve Sisolak became Governor.



**Rural Areas of District F**  
 Blue Diamond – Mountain Springs – Sloan  
 Goodsprings – Sandy Valley  
 Jean (W of I15) – Primm (W of I15)

Attorney and former member of the Nevada State Legislature, Justin Jones began his first term as County Commissioner in January.

# Activity Abounds at Sandy Valley’s Peace Park

As the home to the Community Center, Library, Fire Station, Senior Center, and Baseball Field, Peace Park in Sandy Valley is usually a pretty busy place. But, in the first few months of 2019, it is busier than ever! After a very rocky start, the \$3M park improvement project is making great progress. The new walking path is being poured around the perimeter of the park, new light poles have been installed, new benches have been delivered, the fitness equipment is being installed and the underground piping for the splash pad is getting connected. In the next couple of weeks the trail out and around the baseball field will get poured and the cover for the fitness area will be completed. There isn’t a firm grand opening date yet, but you can bet there will be quite a celebration when those first kids get to play in the water from the splash pad features!

With a few adjustments due to the construction at the park, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Balloon Fest will continue as scheduled on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This a fun event for the whole family that includes a pancake breakfast, balloon rides, raffles, and more. If you have ever thought you might like to take a hot air balloon ride this is a great way to try it – and support the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department, too!



**17th  Annual**  
**Sandy Valley Firefighter Balloon Fest**

**Saturday**  
**February 9, 2019**  
**7 am**

**Balloon Rides: \$50.00 per person.... first come, first serve while tickets last!!**

**Pancake Breakfast: \$6.00 per person.... \$3.00 for kids under 10**

**Blood Drive and Raffle!**

**For Information Call: Electra Smith 702-370-6297/702-723-1350**  
**or Christine Brown 702-538-2794**

*Take the I-15 South to Exit 12 (Jean), Turn Right (W), go 7 miles and Turn Left onto Sandy Valley Road, go 13 miles, turn Right on Cherokee (1st Intersection) and follow the left curve onto Quartz until it ends.*

*Look for the Balloons!*

*All proceeds benefit the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department*








## Goodsprings VFD Welcomes New Engine

In mid-December, Goodsprings Station 78 took delivery of a 1994 Freightliner engine from Bunkerville that replaces the previous engine. Goodsprings firefighters are excited to use this engine to continue to serve the community!

## Sandy Valley Library February Activities

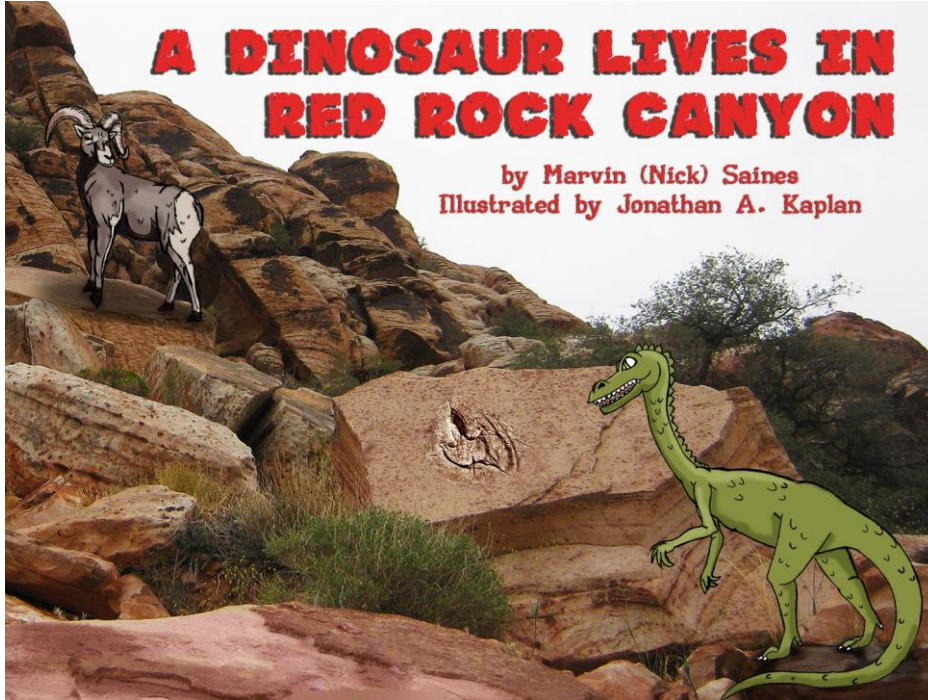


## Scenes from the Rural Routes

Powerline work being done from a helicopter near Goodsprings on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The lineman is visible wearing a yellow helmet and tethered to the helicopter in the photo on the right.



## Second Sundays: Artists and Authors – Nick Saines



A Dinosaur Lives In Red Rock Canyon is a children's story about a dinosaur that comes to life in Red Rock Canyon. This book was inspired by an actual fossilized dinosaur footprint discovered by the author, local interpretive naturalist/geologist Marvin "Nick" Saines. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase in the Elements Gift Store. Come meet Nick at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center anytime between 11 am and 3 pm on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.



### An Afternoon of Interpretive Flute *with* Mary Beth Nickel

*Sunday, February 17, 2019*

*1–3 p.m.*

Native American Flutes and Drums  
will be Available for Purchase

A resident of Siletz on the Oregon Coast, Mary-Beth Nickel is a singer, songwriter and mental health therapist, passionate about music making with Native American flute, frame drum, and voice. She has been creating music inspired by nature and the whispers of the spirit for many years.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 1000 Scenic Loop Drive, Las Vegas, NV, 89161

[www.redrockcanyonlv.org](http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org)





# New Year's Traditions from Around the World

Drinking champagne, midnight kisses and counting down to the ball drop seem downright boring compared to the New Year's traditions in other parts of the world. Although we didn't specifically wish our horses, burro and goats Happy New Year like they do in Belgium and Romania, we did celebrate the day with a chilly, beautiful 10 mile trail ride

**Denmark:** As a sign of friendship, people break their old dishes on each other's front doors. Residents will allow the broken dishes to pile up in order to show who has the most friends. In Denmark, people also jump off of chairs in unison at midnight to symbolize jumping forward into the New Year and leaving bad things behind.

**Spain:** Spain's New Year's food tradition requires that people eat 12 grapes at midnight on New Year's Eve – one for each time the clock chimes.

**Estonia:** Tradition dictates that the holiday should be celebrated with either seven, nine, or twelve meals during the day and you will have the strength of that many men or women during the coming year.

**Philippines:** Round shapes symbolize money, so people in the Philippines eat round foods, carry coins in their pockets, and wear clothing with lots of polka dots in the hopes of boosting their finances for the New Year.

**Turkey:** In Turkey (and also Italy, Spain, and Mexico) it is believed that red underwear at midnight on New Year's Eve will bring good luck in the coming year.

**Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Venezuela:** In these countries, underwear color is also important to the success in the following year. Red brings love, yellow brings money, green brings luck, and so on. Local markets display colored underpants for sale leading up to the New Year

**Colombia:** In order to ensure travel opportunities for the next year, Colombians celebrate the New Year by carrying an empty suitcase around the block.

**Belgium and Romania:** Farmers rise early on New Year's Day and promptly head out the stables to wish the cows and other livestock a happy New Year.

**Finland:** Finnish people melt tin horseshoes, pour the molten metal into cold water, and use the resulting solid to gain insight into the coming year. Its shape and shadow supposedly tell all.

**Ecuador:** In Ecuador, los años viejos (the old years) is a beloved part of how to celebrate the New Year. Families work together to construct large scarecrows of those they don't like and set them on fire at midnight in order to burn away the ills of last year. In Panama the scarecrow effigies are called muñecos, but they are stuffed with fireworks, making the burning of them a little more explosive.

**Greece:** An onion is traditionally hung on the front door of homes on New Year's Eve as a symbol of rebirth in the New Year. On New Year's Day, parents wake their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

# Championship Football Team Honored

On October 25, 2018, the Spring Mountain High School Football team won the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 1A Southern League Football Championship. This was the first time in the history of the school that is a part of the Spring Mountain Youth Camp at Mt. Charleston. A proclamation was presented to the coaches and the team at the Board of County Commissioners on December 18<sup>th</sup> in recognition of their achievement.



# Activities at the Indian Springs Community Center

**Adult Craft**  
Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm



Cost is \$10.00 for this craft.

This is for adults 18 and older, space is limited to 15

To insure your spot you must R.S.V.P and prepay by February 7<sup>th</sup>



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FOR THE REAL  
*Coffee*  
DRINKER

*Wednesday  
Mornings  
Coffee Talk*

*@ the  
Indian Springs  
Community Center*

*Doors open at  
10:30 am  
& the coffee  
will be on.*

*Come up for  
some friendly  
conversation.*

# Be Prepared to Save a Life

## Community CPR/ AED, First Aid

### Training

Hosted by  
The Mt. Charleston Fire  
Protection District and  
Instructors from EMS Training  
Center of Southern Nevada

- Training is **free** and  
Open to area residents  
18 years or older
- Classes limited to 10  
participants per class.

Earn your American Heart Association or First Aid Training  
Certification at the following dates being held at the Mt.  
Charleston Library.

**AED/CPR Friday, February 22. 5 to 9 pm**

**First Aid Saturday, February 23. 8 to 12 pm**

**AED/CPR Friday, March 8. 8 to 12 pm**

**First Aid Saturday, March 9. 8 to 12 pm**

Sign up starting on January 31, 2019<sup>†</sup>  
at 7 pm at the Mt. Charleston Library  
or contact Chief Jorge Gonzalez at  
[MCFPD@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:MCFPD@clarkcountynv.gov)



This training opportunity made possible by funds from the Mt. Charleston License Plate Grant Program



# Moapa Valley to Host Community Resources Fair



## Community Resources Fair

February 23, 2019  
9 am-1 pm  
Clark County Fairgrounds  
Fine Arts Building

**FREE!**



Don't miss out on this FREE EVENT featuring representatives from Federal, State, and Local Agencies, as well as Non Profit and Service Organizations will provide information and answer questions

about low or not cost services available to all ages. Some of the topics will include: how to find a doctor, caregivers that need a break, help with taxes, transportation to doctors, and many more. Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm at the Fine Arts Building at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

# Livestock Competitors Preparing for Fair

The Clark County Fair is just around the corner and competitors in the livestock competition are busy getting their animals ready. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Clark County Junior Livestock Association held its annual weigh-in and pre-show event. Members of the 4-H and FFA from from Clark, Lincoln, and Nye County between the ages of 9 and 19 who are showing lambs, goats and pigs are invited to participate. The number of entrants in every category was up over years past, but 2 scales kept things moving along smoothly. This events gives the competitors an opportunity to practice in preparation for the Fair coming up in April.





# CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS

CALL TO PUBLIC ARTISTS

# DOUBLE NEGATIVE GATEWAY

MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER SCULPTURE

# \$231,000 FUNDED PROJECT

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

## 02.12.2019

GOVERNMENT CENTER 10:00 AM  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY LAS VEGAS NV 89106

DEADLINE

## 04.05.2019

### 3:00 PM PST

Clark County Board of Commissioners  
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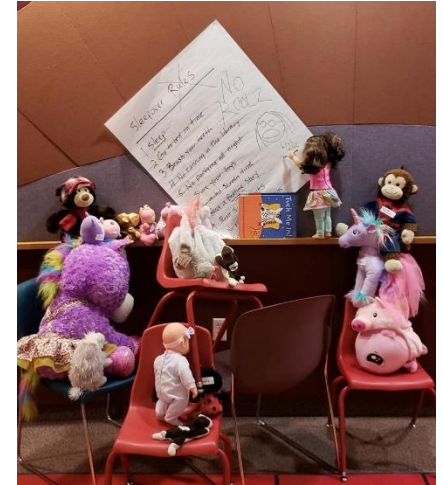
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# Laughlin Library Taken Over By Stuffed Animals

The Laughlin Library hosted their annual stuffed animal sleepover in January and once again those naughty toys got up to all kinds of mischief during the night. They broke all the rules and didn't get any sleep at all. Thank goodness the librarians have cameras set up to document their furry antics!



The Las Vegas-Clark County Library  
In partnership with  
Sharon Hofstra Haugen


The Silent Era and History Series  
**Ghost Towns of the Second World War:  
Arizona's Historic Military Sites**



**Saturday  
April 20  
2:00 p.m.**

B-17 Bomber at the Kingman Army Air Field during WW2

During the Second World War, Arizona's open spaces, sparse population, and mild weather made it an ideal location for a wide range of military operations including large ground maneuvers, Prisoner of War (POW) camps, and especially flight training. Berg's presentation discusses the war's impact on Arizona with a special focus on surviving historic sites that still have significant features or buildings from the war period.




Erik Berg is an award-winning historian and writer with a special interest in the early twentieth century southwest. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Arizona History*, *Arizona Highways*, *Journal of the Society of Commercial Archaeology*, and *Sedona Magazine*.

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2840 S. Needles Hwy  
702.507.4063



## Fall in Love with Technology

Interested in learning more about computers, but not sure where to start? Are you a complete beginner and overwhelmed by technology? These free classes will be taught in a small setting to introduce many of the resources the library has to offer.  
All classes begin at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12- Checking Out eBooks with Libby  
Thursday, February 14- Downloading Movies and More with RB Digital  
Sunday, February 17- Limitless Learning, Library Website  
Tuesday, February 19, -Introduction to the One Stop Career Center  
Thursday, February 21, -Nevada Career Explorer  
Friday, February 22- Introduction to the Internet  
Saturday, February 23- Introduction to the Internet  
Sunday, February 24, 2.00 p.m.-Limitless Learning, Treehouse

For more information, please contact Laughlin Library at 702.507.4063





# Save the Date

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
 Late Registration Begins at 8:00 a.m. PST  
 Walk Begins at 9:00 a.m. PST

## PYRAMID CANYON DAY USE AREA AT HERITAGE TRAILS

**HWY 163 TO DAVIS DAM RD. PARKING AVAILABLE**



### REGISTRATION

\$25 Registration Includes T-shirt & Goodie Bag (while supplies last), live music by Billy Kay, interactive stops Featuring Bullhead City Rocks - Rock Painting & Planet Fitness - Stretching Tips! Come out for an amazing morning of exercise & camaraderie!

All participants are welcome to join us for a FREE picnic lunch after the event!



*\*Register early at the Laughlin Chamber or at [laughlinchamber.com](http://laughlinchamber.com)  
 Late registration begins at 8:00a.m. PST - Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. PST*

**ANYONE CAN WALK & ROLL FOR THE CAUSE – SHOES, WHEELS & PAWS!**

Your \$25 Registration benefits the River Fund Inc. Cancer Connection.  
[www.riverfundinc.com/programs.html](http://www.riverfundinc.com/programs.html)



Anyone can join us from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a fun filled day along the Colorado River just beneath the Davis Dam. The Heritage Trail is safe for kids and animals as well as anyone using a wheelchair, stroller or motorized scooter.

### SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

call Michelle at 702-298-2214 ext. 0 or email at [info@laughlinchamber.com](mailto:info@laughlinchamber.com)

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

Rocky began the year by welcoming a new friend to the ranch. Her name is Hope and she is a pregnant mini horse. Hope's owners rescued her from a very sad situation where she had been neglected and malnourished. When they first brought her home her hooves were so overgrown that she could not walk properly. Now, with love, care and good food, she is filling out and walking better every day. While her owners are in the process of moving to Sandy Valley and getting their own ranch set up, Hope is enjoying her time as Rocky's barn neighbor. Her baby is expected to arrive sometime in March and everyone at the ranch is very excited to welcome the little one.

Rocky seems to get a little bigger every day! Next to the horses he seems small, but compared to Hope he is gigantic. He had his first pedicure last week. After some advice and lessons from the farrier, Dad was able to get his hooves filed. Rocky definitely didn't love the experience, but Dad will continue to work with him and it will undoubtedly get a little easier every time.

As if Rocky weren't adored (and spoiled!) enough already, he is now also a TV star!! The story about Rocky on County Critters has begun airing on Channel 4 and the County website. Host Randy Swallow and his crew did a great job of telling Rocky's story and capturing some fun video of him. You can check it out for yourself here:

<https://youtu.be/M6vBcE0p0OY>

