



RURAL CONNECTIONS

Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway now open!

Friday, May 29th marked the Grand Opening of the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway in Kyle Canyon. The 128 acre site is not only a destination, complete with picnic areas, two amphitheaters, 40 miles of adjoining trails and a visitor's center; it is also the portal to the 316,000 acre Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. The visitor's center features displays and information about all the things that make the Spring Mountains such a unique place. Some plants and animals, such as the Palmers Chipmunk and the Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly, are found nowhere else in the world.

The Spring Mountains are known as the place of creation to the Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute) people. This deep spiritual connection is celebrated in the Seven Stones Plaza within the site. It includes one central stone representing Mt. Charleston surrounded by circle of seven other stones to represent the seven Southern Paiute Tribes.

Another portion of the site features the National Cold War Memorial. This is the first National Memorial to the Cold War, the first National Memorial on Forest Service Land and the first National Memorial within the State of Nevada. The memorial honors all veterans of the Cold War, including the 14 Air Force crew members, Central Intelligence Agency personnel, engineers, and scientists that were lost when their plane crashed near Charleston Peak in 1955. (Next month's issue of Rural Connections will include a story about that plane crash.)

The Visitor Gateway is located at 2525 Kyle Canyon Road (SR 157), approximately 16 miles west of US 95. Through Labor Day, the site will be open daily from 8:30 am to 6 pm. For more information call 702-872-5486 or visit:

<http://www.gomtcharleston.com/>



Successful Spring Cleaning at Mt. Charleston

On Saturday, May 16 a successful Spring Cleaning was held at Mt. Charleston. It was extra exciting since it was the first one where the volunteers able to get together afterward at the new Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway. It was the 8th year of organizing a large litter pick up event in May and it took many people to make it happen.

- Thank you to the 123 volunteers who braved the weather and picked-up 2,076 pounds of trash in Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon, and along Deer Creek Highway.

- Thanks to group leaders of 8 groups who organized their groups and got them to their litter pick up area – Metro Volunteers, Markel FirstComp, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Shark Reef, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Cub Scouts, and Go Mt. Charleston Volunteers.

- Many thanks to Terry Christopher from Great Basin Institute (GBI) who bought the food for the barbecue and cooked it along with Del Orme's assistance.

- Thanks to the Forest Service Staff (Randy Swick, Jennifer Brickey, and Joe Smith) and GBI staff (Steve, Russell, Adrian, Nick, and Momoka) for coming out to lead groups to pick up litter and get back safely.

- And so many thanks to full time volunteers, Jackie, Gracie & Connie! Jackie and Gracie organized all of the litter pick-up equipment; Connie and Gracie shed many tears cutting up platters of onions; and, Jackie helped to get the bags of litter picked up along the



Article and photos contributed by Bob Loudon

License Plate Grants benefit Mt. Charleston Area



Have you ever noticed the purple, orange and green Mt. Charleston license plates on cars around town? Did you know that those plates help the Mt. Charleston area? Through a program established by the Nevada Legislature in 1999, a portion of the fees from the plates is placed in a fund to be used for "projects and programs to support the natural environment of Mount Charleston." The grant application

period is open through August 31, 2015. Visit www.clarkcountynv.gov for more information about the Mt. Charleston License Plate Program.

Events for June– Northwest

- **Tuesdays** – Bring Your Own Project at the Indian Springs Community Center – bring your craft project, couponing or anything else you need to work on, 5–7 pm**
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Wednesdays** – Knitting & Crochet group at the Mt. Charleston library, 12 pm
- **Thursday, June 11** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, June 18** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**
- **Thursday, July 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

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

Bonnie Springs trip fun for High Desert Seniors

Indian Springs' High Desert Seniors and friends spent a fun day visiting Bonnie Springs in Red Rock Canyon. After a picnic lunch at the Red Rock Overlook, the group toured the western town of Old Nevada, watched a Wild West show, spent a little time in jail, and visited the animals in the Bonnie Springs petting zoo. The cool, spring weather didn't stop the group from having a great time!



Celebration of Wings & Wildlife held in Laughlin

It was a perfect day to be outdoors to celebrate Wings & Wildlife at the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails! On May 9th, families and friends joined together to fly kites, enjoy guided Ranger walks, partake in a treasure hunt, ride horses, and paint birdhouses that made great Mother's Day gifts. There were many plant & animal exhibits, and you could even measure your wingspan to determine what bird you are! Wings & Wildlife is a free, annual event that is held on International Migratory Birds Day. Come join in the fun next year!



Free Rides to Pyramid Canyon Park & Equestrian Trailhead

◆ Silver Rider offers once week transportation to Pyramid Canyon Park and the Equestrian Trailhead on Davis Dam Road in the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails (aka North Reach).

◆ Transportation is offered each Saturday. The bus departs at 10:45 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. to either the American Legion Post 60 on Bruce Woodbury Drive or from the Silver Rider facility located behind the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce.

◆ Laughlin seniors are offered door-to-door transportation if registered with Silver Rider.

◆ Reservations for the transport must be called into the Silver Rider office 24 hours in advance prior to 4:00 p.m. Friday. All times are Nevada time. For reservations and more details call 702-298-4435



Article and photos contributed by Deborah Murray

4-H is Active in Laughlin

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension has broadened their 4-H Program in Laughlin to include more kids and to offer more projects. The 4-H Club programs provide fun, hands-on learning opportunities for young people that develop self-confidence, citizenship, leadership, and life skills.

Robotics – Laughlin Junior High School students gathered in May to wrap up 10 weeks of robot-building by pitting their creations against an obstacle course to test their robot's ability to climb over obstacles, navigate through a maze, and lift an object into a basket. The Laughlin 4-H Robotics Club is a great introduction to robotics and a fun, hands-on way to increase understanding of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects in school-aged kids. The Robotics Club is a pilot program for the Laughlin 4-H Club.

Horses – The Laughlin 4-H Horse Club finished their end of program activities in May with a trail ride guided by Pot-A-Gold Stables and a barbeque at the Equestrian Trailhead at the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails. Come and learn about horses and gear up for a trail ride in the Fall! The Laughlin 4-H Horse Club summer program will be at Laughlin Library beginning June 4th from 3pm – 4:30pm, every other Thursday, continuing through summer. Ages 8+ Participation is free!

Summer Day Camps – Try something new! Learn something new! Experience something new! Attend fun and exciting summer day camps at Bennett Elementary School this summer! Participation is free! Ages 8 and older. All camps will be from 9am – 12pm. Registration is easy. Contact Diann Lee, University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension, (929) 234-5638, for more information. (Camps and 4-H are sponsored by University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension, an EEO/AA Institution.)

June 10th – Cake Decorating

June 24th – Rockets/Aerospace

July 8th – All About Power: Solar, Wind, Water

July 22nd – Crafts

August 5th – Chemical Reactions

August 19th – Lets Be Actors



Events for June – Southeast

- **Mondays – Thursdays** – Open recreation at the Searchlight Youth Center, 3:15 – 5:15 pm
- **Mondays** – BINGO at the Slim Kidwell Community Center in Cal–Nev–Ari, 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Senior Center: Walking at 9 am, Resistance Training at 10 am
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Community Center including exercise with the Wii, Genealogy, Card Making, Scrapbooking or bring your ideas to share, 8 am – noon
- **Saturday, June 6** – Clue Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm**
- **Thursday, June 11** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Thursdays, June 11 & 25** – Board Game Night at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 9** – Laughlin TAB Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 10** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Saturday, June 20** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm**
- **Monday, June 22** – Fratello Marionettes Vaudeville Follies at the Laughlin Library, ages 0–11, 10:30 am**

*TAB = Town Advisory Board **For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-6300



Las Vegas–Clark County Library District’s Club Read kicks off on Monday, June 1 and continues through Saturday, August 15. Stop by any library branch to pick up a reading log starting June 1. Each age group has their own log: birth to 5, 6 to 11, and 12 to 17.

Read either 20 books or 10 hours and receive a book from any Young People’s Library desk at any Library District branch. Turn in the completed bookmark reading log for your prize. Entertaining programs throughout the District will help toddlers, children and teens enjoy the summer.

Club Read is co-sponsored by Las Vegas–Clark County Library District Foundation. For more information, visit www.lvccld.org or call your local branch.

Sandy Valley Middle School and High School Receive National Student Council Award

For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Sandy Valley Middle School and High School Student Councils have been awarded a 2015 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

“Receiving an NASC nation Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program,” said Ann Postlewaite, National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) student programs director. “NASC applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and communities.”

“Sandy Valley Middle and High School Student Councils work tirelessly every year for their community and their school. This is the 7th year in a row that the Middle School has achieved this honor and the 4th year in a row that the High School has achieved this honor,” said Jamie Pascua, Sandy Valley Middle and High School’s Student Council Advisor. “I am very proud of all the hard work and dedication that these students put in to their community and school every year.”

To meet the requirements for the NASC National Council of Excellence Award, a student council must meet a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, and membership in NASC, councils demonstrate things such as leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning, and active participation in state and national student council associations. Those councils awarded the gold level have successfully demonstrated the highest levels of leadership. To learn more about the National Council of Excellence Award, visit www.nasc.us/ncoe

Sandy Valley 4-H Club to sell fireworks



The Sandy Valley 4-H Club will be selling TNT fireworks at the end of June and beginning of July to raise funds to benefit the 4-H Club and the Keystone Foundation. The booth will be located in Jean, across the street from the Shell Station. The booth will be open from June 28th to July 4th, from 8am-10pm.

Events for June – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Monday, June 1 & 15** – Coffee and donuts at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, 8 – 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, June 2** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff at the Blue Diamond Library for ages 0–11, 3:00 pm
- **Saturday, June 6** – Sandy Valley Senior Center general meeting and potluck, bring a dish to share, 1:00 pm
- **Tuesday, June 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, June 9** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 10** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, June 20** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy
- **Saturday, June 27** – Sandy Valley Farmer's Market and Swap Meet at the Keystone, 10 am to 2 pm, for more information: thesccg@gmail.com or call Kat at 702-813-4140 or Amanda at 702-723-8054
- **Tuesday, June 30** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, July 1** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

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

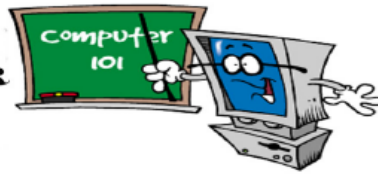


Jam at the Barn in Blue Diamond

The 9th Annual Jam at the Barn will be held on Sunday, June 7th from 11 am to 11 pm in the community park. Jam at the Barn is a grass roots festival dedicated to presenting music and art from across the map. A grand celebration of summertime held in the beautiful high desert mountain village of Blue Diamond, NV. This year the line-up will include: SK Kakraba Band, Vinny Golia, Kidi Band, Cheap Trills, Szalt, Marshweed, Chris Mendoza, Easy, DunkelpK, AP Manifest, Moksha, and more!

For details, visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1064754970220850/>



Kids' Summer Computer Camps

Kids 7 - 10 Camp

Camp concentrates on having fun with computers while teaching new skills in the areas of:

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| Photography | Photoshop | Recording |
| 3-D modeling | Animation | Video |

Time in class is broken into components of computer guided learning and physical activity away from the computers, thus teaching good computer habits.



Youth 11 - 14 Camp

This camp contains the same content as the Kids' camp but designed for this age group. Enrichment classes will be more detailed and projects more complex to help develop greater skills in these areas. Additional classes may include:

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| Keyboarding Skills | Spreadsheets |
| Presentation software | Online Safety |
| Social Networking | Word processing |



Teen 15 - 18 Camp

The Teen Camp focuses on some of the content listed above, but has a major focus on preparing for success at college and entering the workplace. Some additional classes include:



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| Pre-app College | Cover Letters | Interviewing Skills |
| Applying to Colleges | Job Applications | Job Success |
| Good Study Habits | Job Search | Workplace Basics |
| Career Planning | Resume Writing | Communication Skills |

Classes are only \$10 with discounts for families with more than one child enrolling. For more information and to pre-register email or call:

keystonecomputertechclub@gmail.com or 702-813-4140

Class schedule to be determined based on pre-enrollment

Also being offered: Smart phone classes for both Android phones and Iphones, digital photography classes, and photoshop classes. Email at keystonecomputertechclub@gmail.com or call Kat at 702-813-4140. Class schedule will be determined based on pre-enrollment.

Events for June – Northeast

- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – SuperKids Story Time, Ages 0–5, 11:15 am
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use at 3 pm**
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Computer topics: learn about aspects of computer use at 11:15 am; Computer Programming – learn more about programming, game design & more at 4:30 pm**
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Reading Buddies 11:00 am to 1 pm; LEGO Quest: complete a challenge using the LEGOs provided for ages 8+ at 4 to 5:15 pm**
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Every Hero Has A Story Summer Programs, all ages, 11:15 am; Youth Book Club, grades 2–5, 12:15 to 12:45 pm; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 to 3 pm, Grades 6 and up; **
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Young @ Heart Book Club, grades 6 and up, 10:15 am; Game on: a game group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play at 12 pm; Crafternoon: all ages welcome to make a new craft every week at 2 pm**
- **Thursday, June 4** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff, Ages 0–11, 3:30 pm at the Moapa Town Library
- **Saturday, June 9 & 23** – Ewe & Eye Love to Knit and Crochet at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am**
- **Wednesday, June 10** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Friday, June 12** – Club Read! Summer Reading Kickoff, Ages 0–11, 11:15 am at the Moapa Valley Library
- **Saturday, June 20** – Cover 2 Cover Book Club: fun discussion about a different book every month complete with treats & beverages at the Moapa Valley Library, 10:15 am**
- **Thursday, June 25** – Fratello Marionettes Vaudeville Follies, Ages 0–11, 10:30 am at the Moapa Town Library
- **Saturday, June 27** – Join in on the fun as Karla Huntsman shares enjoyable stories while singing and playing the guitar, autoharp, washboard, harmonica and djembe drum. Ages 0–11, 11:15 am at the Moapa Valley Library
- **Tuesday, June 30** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, July 2** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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University of Nevada
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**Food Preservation 101
Cottage Food Preservation Classes**
in cooperation with the
Farm Education Foundation of
Moapa Valley



2015

Saturday, June 13, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

“It’s Drying Time”

Learn the basics of drying food and the equipment to
use

\$20.00

***You will take home a sample of each
product you prepare!***

The course fee covers the cost of supplies, equipment and materials utilized
in classes for instructional purposes.

Register online at: <http://fef-dehydrating-class.eventbrite.com>

Location: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
1897 N. Moapa Valley Boulevard
Logandale, NV 89021
702-397-2604
e-mail: bishopc@unce.unr.edu



Space is limited

Persons in need of special accommodations or
assistance must call or notify Carol @ 702-397-2604 at
least three days prior to the schedule food
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