

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Sandy Valley Kicks off 4th of July with Annual Parade



Top right and middle right photos courtesy of Samantha Robinson

Valley Electric's Golden Goose Shines at 4th of July Parade

One of the most eye-catching entries in Sandy Valley 4th of July Parade this year was "The Golden Goose" – Valley Electric's restored 1943 Chevy Earth Auger Truck. The truck was originally used by the Signal Corps in World War II to reset poles and wires in Europe. After the war, it was brought back to the US and used by Amargosa Valley Power in Amargosa and Beatty. When Amargosa Valley Power and Valley Electric Associate merged in 1965, it was the co-op's first mechanized power pole digger truck. Eventually retired from power company service, it went to work digging fence post holes on a ranch in Utah for many years. After being retired again, the truck sat on the ranch for a decade until it was donated to the Pahrump Valley Museum where it sat for another decade. Top Notch Repairs in Pahrump performed a complete restoration, salvaging 95% of the truck's original components, including the beautiful wood steering wheel. The artists at Top Notch refabricated some isolated trim pieces and tail lights and completely stripped the truck to do a top to bottom restoration. This bright orange truck with so much history was a great addition to this year's parade.



Specifications

Make: Chevy Earth Auger Truck

Model: G-7163, 4WD

Year: 1943

Engine: 235 CI, 83HP, incline 6 cyl

Transmission: 4 speed floor shift

Signal Corps Reference: K-Series

Wheelbase: 145 inches



4th of July Fun at Sandy Valley's Peace Park



Park photos courtesy of Samantha Robinson

Events for August – Southwest

- **Saturday, August 4** – BINGO at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 6 pm
- **Tuesday, August 14** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, August 18** – 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, August 19** – Craft class at the Sandy Valley Community Center – 18 and over, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, August 28** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, August 29** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

Sponsored by
Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Sunrise Foot and Ankle, Dr. Wood
Larry Shupe

Sandy Valley School
 Thursday, August 9th, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Sandy Valley Gym
Free Sports Physicals
Pulled Pork Dinner \$6.00 per person
Children under 10 \$4.00

Proceeds from Dinner will go to the Sandy Valley Schools Athletic Program
 Food donated by SVVFD and dessert donated by The Shupe Family

Parents must sign consent form for physicals

Physical Forms Available at Clinic

Physicals are only good for one year from the date taken.

HS Athletic Packet: register at www.registermyathlete.com

HS Athletic fee: \$10—payable online or give to Mr. Kahre (rm. 208)

MS Athletic Packet: (paper form for 2018-2019) will be available

MS Athletic fee: \$5—pay to Mr. Kahre (rm. 208)

Remember that **EVERY** year a new Athletic Packet must be filled out completely and accurately and include a current physical before you may practice in any sport.

Questions about Athletic Packets?

Contact Brian Kahre – kahreba@nv.ccsd.net

Ballet Comes to Sandv Vallev

On Friday, July 6th the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley held its first ballet class. Led by teacher Ranni Gonzalez, the students began their journey into dance. This class is being offered free of charge to the community and will introduce students to “the fundamentals of ballet technique, terminology and movement with an emphasis on musicality and creativity.” For more information about the classes, including the jazz/contemporary dance class being offered on Saturdays, visit <https://www.sandvvallevdance.com/>



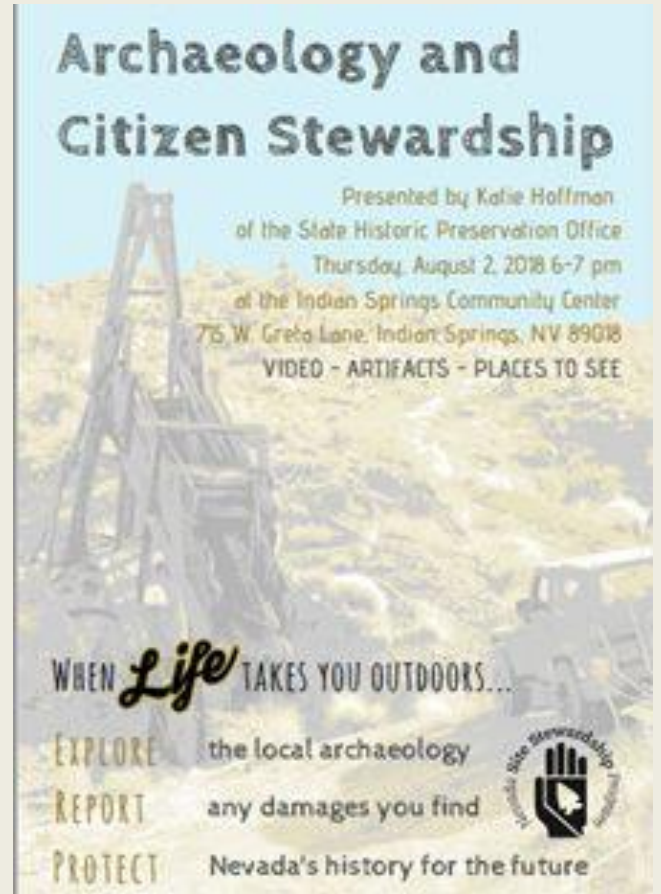
Indian Springs “Let Freedom Ring” at July 4th Parade



Events for August – 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
- **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, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, August 8** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 2 pm, \$1.00
- **Thursday, August 16** – Indian Springs TAB* meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, August 26** – Full moon hike at Mt. Charleston. This easy-to-moderate hike under the full moon This unique hike is open to all ages, however it is dark and on uneven terrain, so we ask parents not to bring kids who need to be carried or who are not steady walkers yet. For more details and to sign up, visit <https://www.gomtcharleston.com/>
- **Thursday, August 30** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 18+, 7 to 9 pm
- **Thursday, August 30** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board



Events for August – Northeast

- **Wednesday, August 15** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, August 28** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, August 30** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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“Double Negative” Land Art

The “Seven Magic Mountains” art installation north of Jean along Las Vegas Blvd. has become a popular stop for tourists and art enthusiasts, but there is a lesser known example of land art that has existed in Moapa Valley on Mormon Mesa. In 1969, artist Michael Heizer conceived and designed the massive piece of artwork called “Double Negative.”

Under the direction of Heizer, 244,000 tons of rock, mostly rhyolite and sandstone, were displaced by local Bryant Robison and 2 of his helpers. This created 2 trenches that are each 30’ wide, 50’ deep, and 1500’ long. The excavated material was dumped into a natural canyon, and the two trenches straddle either side of this canyon. Per Wikipedia, the “negative” in the title thus refers in part to both the natural and man-made negative space that constitutes the work. The work essentially consists of what is not there, what has been displaced.

The project was funded by Art Dealer Virginia Dwan, when she purchased the 60 acre site for Double Negative. Heizer then transferred property deeds to Dawn. The Dwan Gallery tried to sell the work in 1971, but Heizer stopped that from happening. Instead of selling it, Dwan donated Double Negative to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, in 1984. Included in the agreement between Heizer and the Museum is their agreement that they will not undertake any conservation of the piece, as Heizer wishes to have nature reclaim the land through weather and erosion.

Double Negative is located in Moapa Valley and can be accessed via unpaved and unimproved road, 4 wheel drive and/or off road vehicles are recommended. For directions and more information about the area and land art, visit: <https://moapavalleychamber.com/double-negative/>



Events for August – Southeast

- **Wednesdays at the Laughlin Library** – Lego Club, Ages 5–11, 4 pm**
- **Fridays, August 3 & 17 at the Laughlin Library** – Kids Craft Corner, Ages 5–11, 3 pm**
- **Fridays, August 3, 10 & 24** – Movie Matinees at the Laughlin Library, popcorn is provided, 2 pm**
- **Thursday, August 9** – Back to School BINGO at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4 pm**
- **Tuesday, August 14** – Laughlin TAB* Meeting at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, August 14** – National Park Service Presents: Arizona Junior Explorers at the Laughlin Library, All Ages, 4 pm**
- **Wednesday, August 15** – Searchlight TAB* meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, August 16** – Teen Art Gallery Opening Night Reception at the Laughlin Library, 4 pm
- **Friday, August 17** – Making Garden Pots with Hypertufa at the Laughlin Library, 1 pm**
- **Saturday, August 18** – Saturday Readers Book Club, Laughlin Library, 11 am**
- **Tuesday, August 21** – Device Advice at the Laughlin Library, 11 am to 1 pm**
- **Wednesday, August 22** – Adult Crafts at the Laughlin Library, 10:30 am**
- **Thursday, August 23** – Art Club: Wonderful Watercolors at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 4 pm

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THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

TECH THURSDAY WITH TANYA

Laughlin Residents! Kanopy is an on-demand, streaming movie service that you can access from home with your library card. Watch over 30,000 films and documentaries for FREE! Join Tanya as she shows you how to use this entertaining new resource.

Thursday, August 30, 2018
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

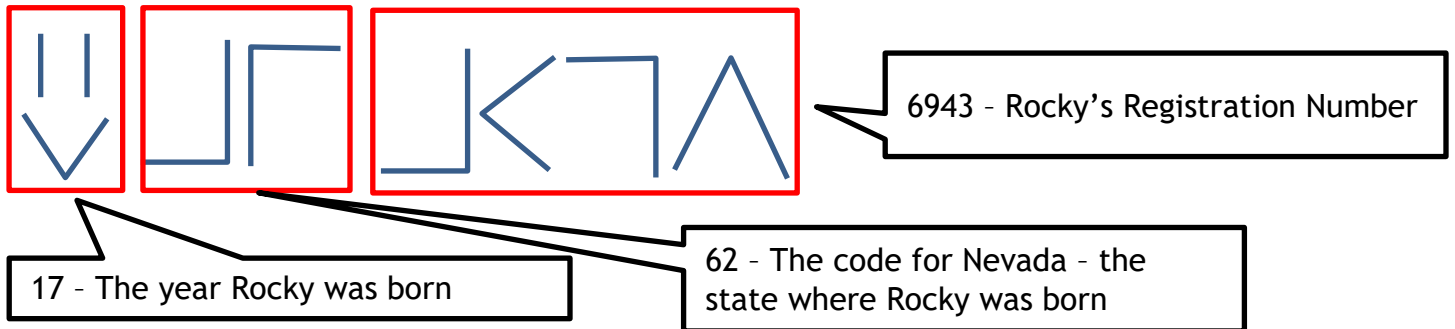
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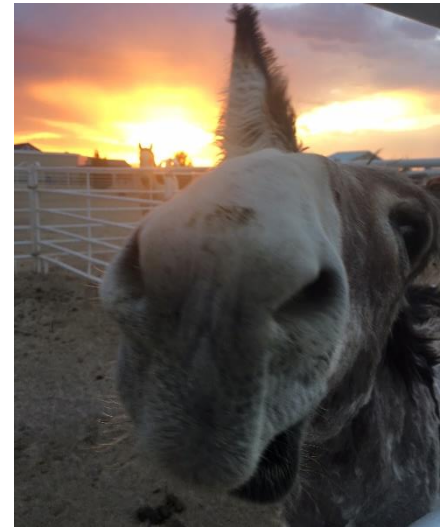
Rocky's Road: Journey of an Orphaned Burro

Rocky has had an eventful couple of months. At the end of June, he received his freeze brand. Freeze branding is the way each horse and burro that has been captured from the wild can be identified. The freeze branding process is pretty simple. The left side of the neck is shaved and washed with alcohol, and then the brand is applied with an iron that is chilled in liquid nitrogen. It isn't painful, but Rocky was definitely not happy to be manhandled and made to stand still! The hair at the site of the mark will grow back white so his brand will be visible – although Rocky's mane flops to the left side, so it is kept hidden most of the time.

The brand is made up of a series of shapes from the International Alpha Angle System. It indicates the Registering Organization (U.S. Government), his year of birth, the area where he was born, and his registration number. Rocky's brand looks like this:

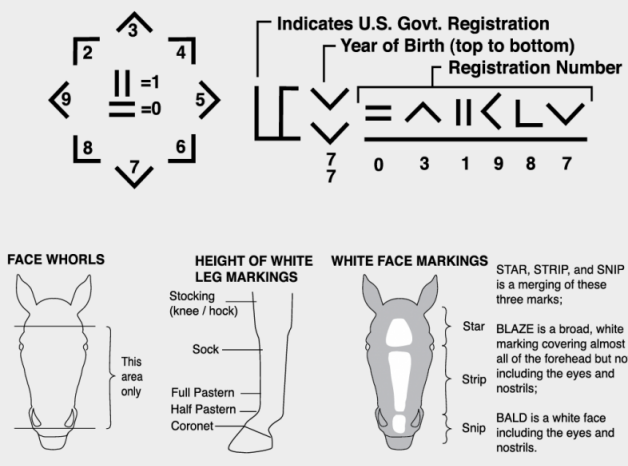


Wild horses and burros are also described using a signalment key. Rocky's signalment key is BG1AAAAAG. He is a burro – B. He is a gelding – G. He has one whorl on his forehead – 1. He has no white anywhere on him – AAAAA. And, he is gray – G. All of the letters and descriptions are in the chart below to the right. Because the descriptions are used for both horses and burros, some of the items are used more often when describing horses. Although, a burro would be pretty cute with white socks!



Rocky can be described by all of those letters, numbers, and symbols – but to us, he is just our sweet, ornery, goofy boy! Rocky has recently received a much needed haircut to help with his shedding and has been “helping” out with lots of chores around the ranch. I'll tell you more about it in next month's newsletter.

ALPHA ANGLE CODE FOR FREEZE MARK INTERPRETATION



SIGNALMENT KEY CODES USED FOR DESCRIBING ANIMALS

SPECIES (Col. 1)	SEX (Col. 2)	FACE WHORLS (Col. 3)	LEG MARKINGS				FACE MARKINGS (Col. 8)	COLOR (Col. 9)
			Rt. Fore (Col. 4)	Rt. Hind (Col. 5)	L. Fore (Col. 6)	L. Hind (Col. 7)		
Horse H	Gelding G	One 1	WHITE MARKINGS				HORSES AND LIGHT MUZZLED BURROS	White A
Burro B	Male M	Two 2	A	A	A	A	No Marking A	Bay B
Mule M	Female F	Three 3	B	B	B	B	Star B	Black C
		Four 4	C	C	C	C	Strip C	Brown D
			D	D	D	D	Snip D	Sorrel E
			E	E	E	E	Star-Strip E	Chestnut F
			F	F	F	F	Star-Snip F	Gray G
			G	G	G	G	Strip-Snip G	Grulla H
							Star-Snip-Snip H	Roan-Strawberry I
							Blaze I	Roan-Red J
							Bald J	Roan-Blue K
							Frosted K	Buckskin L
							DARK MUZZLED BURROS	Dun M
							No Markings M	Pinto N
							Star N	Palomino O
							Strip O	Appaloosa P
							Snip P	Pink Burro Q
							Star-Strip Q	Blue Burro R
							Star-Snip R	Red Burro S
							Star-Snip-Snip S	Other Z
							Blaze T	
							Bald U	
							Frosted W	

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 Bureau of Land Management
 Wild Horse and Burro Program
 866-468-7826 blm.gov

BRING HOME YOUR OWN WILD HORSE OR BURRO



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Wild Horse & Burro Event Ridgecrest, CA

Ridgecrest Regional Wild Horse and
Burro Corrals
3647 Randsburg Wash Rd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

*Wild horses available from the Cold Creek
area of the Wheeler Pass Joint
Management Area near Las Vegas*

There is a wild horse or burro waiting for you!



EVENT DETAILS



August 11, 2018

- 7 a.m. – Gates Open
- 8 a.m. – Live Auction
- 9 a.m. – First-Come, First-Serve Adoption
- 11 a.m. – Trainer Incentive Program Animal Pick-up



For more information on other events or adoption and direct purchase options, visit BLM.gov/whb or call (866) 468-7826.