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VIRGIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Laub joins board, loose ends wrapped up

By Linda Faas
MLN

In one of its shorter meetings of the year, the Virgin Valley Water District installed a new board member, approved its final budget for FY2019, and authorized two agreements on issues that have been pending before the board for several years.

Randy Laub took his oath of office as newly appointed board member, filling the seat vacated when Barbara Ellestad resigned April 3. Her resignation left a board vacancy for the remainder of her elected term that runs through Dec. 31. The remaining board members selected Laub from among four individuals who applied for the opening. He can serve only through the end of Ellestad's vacated term because the opening occurred after the close of the candidate filing period for the upcoming 2018 election. A board member will be elected from among the candidates who filed by March, and will assume office in 2019.

The tentative final budget for fiscal year 2019, presented by district financial officer Wes Smith, was unanimously accepted by the board. The \$12 million budget was previously considered in early May for submission to the State of Nevada. The budget includes \$10 million in capital projects, to provide a new water tank in the northwest area of the city, complete of the wellhouse for well 1A in Bunkerville, begin work on new Well 34 located north of the Lincoln County line, and other upgrades to the district's water system. District expenses will be balanced against income from fees paid by approximately 9,000 water users in the district as well as developer fees and revenues from leased

irrigation water shares.

The board voted unanimously 5-0 to accept a settlement agreement entered into with Las Vegas Metro Police Department and Jordan Coache. The settlement concerned property that was part of a forfeiture assessed when Jordan's father, Robert Coache, was convicted of wrongdoing in a fraud scheme involving VVWD water shares. Jordan, who was not part of the criminal activities, sought to settle the forfeiture of a Las Vegas house by paying \$291,000 to Metro, which would then pay off VVWD's claim against the property.

Finalizing a proposed amendment to the lease of irrigation water shares between VVWD and Conestoga Golf Course, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to allow a minor language adjustment requested by Conestoga, while setting a deadline of Friday, May 25, for receipt of their signature to the agreement.

The deal returns 50 unused water shares to VVWD for immediate re-lease to Southern Nevada Water Authority at the "fair market value" of \$1,246 per share per year. Conestoga had leased 150 water shares from VVWD in 2011 at a rate of \$250 per share, but never uses the entire allotment for the maintenance of its golf course.

The amended lease returns 50 water shares to VVWD and holds Conestoga's current lease rate through the original 2019 term. VVWD then charges a stepped rate of increase for Conestoga future lease pricing, capping out at 90 percent of the SNWA fair market value and running through 2036.

VVWD also guarantees that, if needed for course maintenance, it will provide up to 150 total water

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Linda Faas

Randy Laub takes his oath of office, joining the Virgin Valley Water District Board. He will finish out the vacancy created when elected member Barb Ellestad resigned her term early.

VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Leishman takes home Bruce King scholarship

By Teri Nehrenz
MLN

As high school graduates around the country are winding down their high school years and gearing up for college/trade school adventures, Virgin Valley High School students are off to a roaring start thanks to the Mesquite community who generously greased a lot of seniors' pockets with a serious amount of scholarship money.

On Friday, May 25, Virgin Valley High School Students will graduate in a ceremony to be held at the high school at 7 p.m.; the final leg of their initial journey and finally the year all their academic and extracurricular primary educational work paid off in both personal and financial success.

During a banquet held on Tuesday, May 15, graduating seniors received a whopping \$100,468 in scholarships just from local organizations, businesses and individuals. That amount is certainly a generous gift for the graduates' outstanding achievements and extraordinary efforts but also testament to an entire community that truly cares about their

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Teri Nehrenz

During a banquet held on Tuesday, May 15, Christian Adderson, Mesquite Gaming and Mesquite Amateur Representative, unofficially presented Makenzie Leishman the single largest local scholarship award given to a 2018 graduate of Virgin Valley High School. The Bruce King Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$6500 will be officially awarded to Leishman at the closing banquet on May 30 for the Mesquite Amateur Golf Tournament.

WHCC

Female veterans, new organization wants you!

By Teri Nehrenz
MLN

Mesquite's new Women's History and Cultural Center is beginning its days by calling out to women veterans for their information.

The main mission of the WHCC, for starters, is to build a list of female veterans for several reasons.

The first reason comes from necessity, there is currently no resource list of female veterans and not many that are actively involved any of the veteran's group activities. It's a mystery, to most, exactly how many women veterans call Mesquite their home.

Jean Watkins, WHCC founder, is asking female veterans to come forward so she can build a list and celebrate those women who have sacrificed their time for the protection of our country.

Watkins also wants to find women who would qualify to serve as Grand Marshall for this year's, and future, Mesquite Veterans Day Parades.

If you're an honorably or medically discharged female veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines, Watkins wants to hear from you.

Mesquite Veterans Day Parades have been a part of Mesquite since 1997, but only one time in the 21 years of the pa-

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Veterans

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Parade has there been a woman Grand Marshall; Watkins and her WHCC team want to see that change, as many of you might also.

The only woman to serve as the Grand Marshall in any of the Mesquite Veterans Day Parades was Anna Murphy way back in 2004.

Murphy was sworn into the Women's Army Air corps in 1942 and after basic training was assigned to The First Allied Airborne Army; the only unit to have WACs in the combat zone. Her career in the Army Air Corps took her to Europe's many countries until her return to the state in 1945 on the Queen Mary.

Murphy spent 30 years as a dental hygienist until she retired in 1978 and eventually moved to Mesquite in 1989. Murphy passed away in 2017, at the age of 99, in Mesquite but not before she was honored in the 2016 Veterans Day Parade with the distinction of being the oldest WWII woman veteran in town.

It's stories like Murphy's and yours that Watkins wants to highlight, not just for future parades, but in the WHCC as well. She wants others to be able to learn about the accomplishments and battles that other women fought and won to help inspire other women to empower themselves in the battle that has been raging since women fought for the right to vote; women's equality.

Watkins has already approached Mayor Allan Litman, one of the parade's

organizers, about the idea of having a female Grand Marshall in this year's Veterans Day Parade and he is open to the idea but also lacks any sort of substantial list of women veterans. He and Watkins put their heads together and, sadly, could only identify a handful which surprised them both because the Mayor is heavily involved in Veteran affairs in Mesquite.

Watkins wants to hand him the list of possible woman candidates for the 2018 parade and time is of the essence; the organization is already somewhat underway.

The most important future parade year for Watkins and the WHCC is 2020; the 100 anniversary of the first battle won; the year women fought for and won the right to vote in America.

Watkins and others in the WHCC are planning some big things for the anniversary year and just one of them is having a female Grand Marshall in that parade, then hopefully alternating years in the future; but they need to know who you are.

Unlike Murphy, you don't have to have seen battle to be considered, eligibility is simple; you have to be a veteran (honorably or medically discharged) and you have to reside in the Virgin Valley.

Watkins knows there are women out there who have powerful stories to tell, inspiring stories that she would like you to share with others, especially those of you who have served.

If you would like to share your story please contact Watkins at showgirls@reconnects.com.

Heller holds news conference addressing rural issues

By Dave Maxwell
Lincoln County Record

Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) said in a telephone conference with rural Nevada newspaper reporters May 22, he was confident the VA Mission Act would pass soon.

The sweeping legislation includes three bills, authored by Heller, who is a senior member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to help Nevada's veteran and military communities.

He said act would allow veterans the ability to make choices as to what VA facility to go to.

The proposed legislation also includes provisions to consolidate community care programs into a single, streamlined service; provides sufficient funding to fund the program through the next year; expands comprehensive assistance; strengthens ability to recruit, hire and retain quality medical personnel; and reforms the VA's health-care infrastructure.

In his remarks during the phone conference Heller referred to a call he received from a veteran in Gardnerville who lived just minutes away from a local clinic, but had to go over 100 miles to Reno because the local clinic couldn't provide the services he needed.

"What we are trying to do with this legislation," he said, "is to allow the veteran to use a local doctor, or someone they are comfortable with as long as they can be certified in the system."

On tax reform Heller said Nevada is either No. 1 or No. 2 in the nation on tax reform benefits. "Maybe Alaska is benefiting a little bit more, but when it comes to job growth per capita, the state of Nevada is No. 1."

Taking questions over the phone, Heller said on the wild horse and burro issues, "what I want the Interior Secretary to do is look at cutting the male population down by two-thirds and slow down the growth of young colts."

It's going to be a 10-year program and then we can get the wild horse numbers down to a reasonable level to about a one-third of what we have now in Nevada as has been determined by the Interior Department."

Heller is running for reelection. He is expected to defeat Republican opponents in the primary election in June and then potentially facing District 3 Representative Jackie Rosen from Henderson in the fall general election. He spoke on the differences they have on the future of the Internet in rural Nevada.

He feels Rosen wants to go back to Obama's Title II proposal in 2015. "It's a 1930s type regulation for the Internet. But I don't think such legislation will pass in the House. I do not want the federal government to determine content or

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to tax the Internet. I believe the Internet is the last bastion of freedom in America, for frankly both good and bad, but it is freedom. If it is put back under Title II eventually this government will determine content and taxation, and that's what I am trying to avoid. Rosen thinks something different. I want there to be competition on the Internet. Under Title II you lose the kind of competition that's necessary in order for technology to advance."

He added, "If you put too many restrictions on access to the Internet all you are going to do is deprive it of its ability to grow and technology to advance and get broadband out to the more rural areas."

On other issues Heller said he recently discussed wildfire prevention with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue during a roundtable event. As a member of the Senate Western Caucus, Heller has supported several pieces of legislation to combat fires in Nevada. Most recently, he supported legislation signed into law to provide federal funding for wildlife management and improvements to firefighting by modernizing aviation, radio, and evacuation system infrastructure and other platforms that detect and monitor fire, which includes projects like AlertTahoe. It also directs the Forest Service to partner with the University of Nevada on wildfire risk mapping.

Heller is the author of the Emergency Fuel Reduction Act (S.1752), which would eliminate timely federal permitting for hazardous fuel reduction projects on public land and gives the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service the

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The amended agreement provides Conestoga the right to assign its con-

tract to new course owners and guarantees adequate water at a specified rate for course operation. VVWD, in return, will increase its annual revenues by leasing more water to SNWA, and has now moved toward attaining fair market value for its irrigation water assets.



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POLICE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORT

Editor's note: The following was taken from the pages of the Mesquite Police Department blotter from May 13-19.

MAY 13

Disorderly conduct: Officers responded to a local casino for a report of a breach of peace. One adult female was arrested for breach of peace and trespassing.

Verbal disturbance: Responded to a noise complaint at Pulsipher Lane residence. Subject contacted and issued a citation.

Phone harassment: Responded to report of phone harassment. One citation issued.

Traffic stop: Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. An adult female was arrested for multiple traffic violations.

Recovered stolen vehicle: Officer was advised that a vehicle which had been reported stolen out Mesquite had been recovered by NLVPD.

Custody issue: Spoke with parent regarding custody issues. Father was to return juvenile this morning however, he failed to do so. Advised to contact Family Courts and provided an incident.

Miscellaneous CAD Call Record: Officer completed a report regarding child custody.

Found Property: Officer responded to a report of found property. Small safe that had been damaged was recovered.

MAY 14

Traffic accident W/O injury: Responded to a non-injury two car collision on a private roadway. Information was obtained and an Officers report created.

Fraud: Officer spoke with a citizen regarding fraud. Information obtained and incident created.

Traffic Accident w/ Injuries: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles. No injuries were reported, and a report was completed.

Theft from vehicle: Responded to a Mesa Blvd. casino regarding a theft from motor vehicle. Officer report completed.

MAY 15

Traffic stop: Detectives arrested a male who had a no bail felony warrant

out of Mesquite Justice Court.

Agency assistance: Mesquite Officer responded to a local school reference a custodial issue.

Unknown problem: Responded to a 911 hang up at a Partridge Lane residence. One adult male was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery and drug related charges.

Fighting: Officers responded to a fight at a Riverside Drive residence. Two males engaged in a physical altercation. Upon result of the investigation one of the males was arrested.

Agency assistance: Officers assisted department of US Marshalls locate and apprehend a fugitive from justice.

Suspicious person: An officer responded to the Mesquite Police Department to take a report of a possible theft.

Traffic accident W/O injury: Officers responded to a local government building on a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

Suspicious person: Officer completed a report of a suspicious text message.

Civil dispute: Officer completed a report for a verbal dispute.

MAY 17

Traffic stop: Officers conducted a stop for a traffic offense. One adult female was cited and released for smoking marijuana in a moving vehicle.

Trespassing: An officer responded to a casino reference a trespass violator. Upon arrival, the officer located the male and issued him a citation for trespassing upon the request of the casino's representative.

Wanted person: Officer conducted a traffic stop for a traffic offense. The driver had a warrant out of Mesquite Municipal Court and Bunkerville Justice Court. The driver was arrested for his warrants.

Fraud: Officer completed a fraud report.

Traffic accident W/O injury: Officer completed a report of a traffic accident with no injuries.

Trespassing: An officer responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino in reference to a trespass violation.

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MAY 13-19

Statistics supplied by Mesquite Police Department. Disclaimer: These names were reported in the Mesquite Police Department's arrest report released May 21. Persons should be presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

Abbott, Douglas S
Parowan, UT
5/18/18
Jail housing agreement

Abrams, Bobby J
Bunkerville
5/17/18
General probation violation

Arrum, Bobbi L
Filmore, UT
5/13/18
Disturbing the peace
Trespassing

Brown, Michael R Jr.
Mesquite
5/15/18
Disorderly conduct
Battery
Contempt of court
Resisting a public officer

Bruce, James W
Littlefield, AZ
5/16/18
Jail housing agreement

Cabrera, Javier S
Mesquite
5/15/18
Fugitive from Justice

DeMorenay, Corey M
Kanarraville, UT
5/18/18
Jail housing agreement

Giordano, Jennifer L

Las Vegas
5/13/18
Basic speed
Driving w/suspended DL

Graymountain, Ruben R
Tonalea, AZ
5/19/18
Jail housing agreement

Hughes, Brian G
Panguitch, UT
6/16/18
Contempt of court

Loftus, William P
Mesquite
5/15/18
Possession of Schedule I & II substances

Lopez, Amanda J
Cedar City, UT
5/16/18
Receiving/possession stolen vehicle
Possession of drug paraphernalia

Lopez, Bryan M
Cedar City, UT
5/18/18
Receiving/possession stolen vehicle
Possession of drug paraphernalia

Madrid, Jesse J
St. George, UT
5/14/18
Jail housing agreement

Merryweather, Britee
Milford, UT
5/19/18
Petit larceny
False information/obstructing

Miller, Martha L
Mesquite

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FIRE AND RESCUE

Some calls that Mesquite Fire and Rescue receives are not always included in the report, as a synopsis is not received. To show the amount of work our Fire and Rescue workers do, we are including a weekly roster of stats. There were 59 calls this week:

- Abdominal Pain 2
- Agency assist 1
- Allergies/sting 1
- Convulsions 1
- Diabetic 2
- Falls 12
- Fire 1
- Fire Alarm 1
- Headache 1
- Heart problem 2
- Hemorrhage 2
- MVA w/injury 3
- Odor investigation 1
- Overdose 1
- Patient Transport 12
- Psychiatric 1
- Sick Person 8
- Special event 1

- Stroke (CVA) 1
- Suicidal person 1
- Trauma 1
- Unconscious 2
- Unknown problem 1

MAY 13

MVA with Injury: Rescue 11 and Battalion 3 responded to Northbound I-15 mm 120 for a vehicle accident. Accident was actually in Arizona at mm 20 and Mesquite units cancelled.

MAY 14

Fire: Engine 31 responded for a report of a structure fire as mutual aid for Littlefield Fire Department.

MAY 18

Agency Assist: Rescue 11 and Engine 31 dispatched to a report of a two vehicle motor vehicle collision. One occupant denied injuries and one refused transport to hospital. Vehicle secured by Engine 11.

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OPINION

Primary candidates we recommend

Early voting begins Saturday for Nevada's party primaries, so we take this opportunity to offer our two cents worth.

Since none of the candidates for major statewide offices on the Democratic slate would get our backing come November, so we will address only the GOP primary.

For governor the choice is easy and obvious, Republican Attorney General Adam Laxalt has proven himself a thorough conservative, fighting for states' rights while attorney general with principled litigation. He has promised to work to repeal the burdensome Commerce Tax passed by lawmakers in 2015.

Laxalt says he will work to reduce state spending to keep the tax burden bearable.

For U.S. Senate, Republican incumbent Dean Heller has a proven track record. He helped write the tax reform bill and has worked to undo the ObamaCare debacle. He has for years pressed for legislation that would deny members of Congress pay checks until they pass a budget.

Heller has also pushed for a Balanced Budget Amendment that would ulti-

mately force Washington to live within its means instead of running up billions in deficits and trillions in debt.

As a senior member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee he has worked to eliminate the VA disability claims backlog.

In the 2nd Congressional District — which includes northern Lyon county and all of Douglas, Carson City, Storey, Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Lander, Eureka and Elko counties — Republican incumbent Mark Amodei deserves to be returned to Washington, where he has faithfully stood up for Nevadans by working to keep taxes low and regulations less burdensome.

Amodei has fought the efforts of past administrations to limit economic and recreational access to public lands.

In the 4th Congressional District — which includes part of northern Clark County, southern part of Lyon County and all of White Pine, Nye, Mineral, Esmeralda, and Lincoln counties — former Republican Rep. Crescent Hardy deserves another chance to represent the residents of Southern Nevada.

After serving one term in Congress, the Mesquite native was narrowly

defeated by North Las Vegas Democrat Ruben Kihuen, who is not running for re-election after facing sexual harassment allegations.

Hardy will continue to fight for lower taxes and the creation of an economic environment that is conducive to the growth of job-creating businesses. He also promises to work toward balancing the federal budget for a change.

Though state Senate Majority Leader Michael Roberson did vote with the Republican majority to raise taxes, his experience and otherwise conservative bona fides make him the choice for lieutenant governor, a job that includes presiding over the state Senate. He has been endorsed by Laxalt.

Roberson has worked to provide Nevadans with school choice, consolidated government agencies and regulations and worked to save money by reforming collective bargaining and public employee pensions.

Republican Wes Duncan, formerly Laxalt's first assistant attorney general, deserves a promotion to attorney general, the state's lawyer. Duncan helped Laxalt in his many lawsuits defending the rights of Nevada against federal encroachment. He left the Assembly

to join Laxalt's office and left the office upon filing for election.

Duncan promised to make Nevada a safer place to raise a family, including working toward better handling of mental health issues. He once proposed repealing the state's renewable portfolio standard that has driven up power bills. He has been endorsed by a number of police chiefs and district attorneys.

Barbara Cegavske deserves to be re-elected secretary of state, a job she has handled well — maintaining election integrity, streamlining business licensing and maintaining official records of the state. She has worked to improve the existing electronic voting system. Republican Cegavske has also worked to assure Nevada's military members who are stationed overseas may vote.

Nevada's next state treasurer should be Republican Bob Beers, a CPA who has served in five sessions of the Nevada Legislature and is a former Las Vegas City Councilman. He was one of the "Fearless Fifteen" who stopped Gov. Kenny Guinn from placing a gross receipts tax.

The treasurer's job is to hold the states purse strings. Beers knows how to do that. — TM

Question 3 would be bad for rural Nevadans

There's been a lot of discussion across Nevada about Question 3, a Constitutional Amendment on our statewide ballot this November that would dismantle Nevada's existing electricity system and replace it with a new, unknown system established by the legislature and the courts.

The reality is we don't really know exactly what we are voting on with Question 3. The Amendment provides no details on how Nevada's new electricity system would work, and the proponents have not offered any sort of plan of their own. Instead, the ballot measure would lock a risky and costly experiment into the state constitution and create an uncertain electric system that even the proponents admit would not guarantee the lower electric rates they've been promising.

What we do know is our existing energy providers would disappear if Question 3 were to pass. The rural electric co-ops that many of our communities participate in aren't protected under Question 3. The state's major providers would be forced to sell its power plants and cancel long-term energy agreements, many of which are for renewable energy projects built right here

PETE GOICOECEA
COMMENTARY

in Nevada.

Those costs would be in the billions and would be passed onto consumers in the form of higher bills. In fact, a recent independent investigation conducted by the Public Utilities Commission found that Question 3 would likely increase average residential electric bills for Nevadans for at least a decade.

We have come a long way in the last 50 years, and if Question 3 were to pass it would be a major setback in the progress we have made, coupled with a whole lot of uncertainty. I personally don't miss the days with the old Witte, or worse yet it not thumping out back. We must not forget the old times when we had small providers that gave consumers in rural areas low voltage in the afternoons and evenings, which meant we went without electricity for blocks of time.

Many of you recall we had energy choice over two decades ago and it failed. In the late 1990s, many states, including Nevada, tried to implement laws like Question 3. California's attempt in the early 2000s led to skyrocketing rates and consumer complaints, rolling blackouts, the Enron scandal, and more than \$40 billion in added costs for consumers and taxpayers.

Of the 24 states that originally attempted a scheme like Question 3, only 14 states still have deregulated electricity systems in place. In those states, average residential electricity rates are 30% higher than Nevada's, and California's overall electric rates are nearly double ours.

That's why it's been nearly 20 years since any state has taken the risk of implementing a system like that which Question 3 proposes. Given this history, Question 3 is especially risky for Nevada because it would be very difficult to repeal from our Constitution and take years to undo the damage it would cause.

As a Nevada native and public servant, I am deeply concerned that if Question 3 were to pass, the ramifications would be detrimental to the hard-working residents and small businesses in rural communities across the state. We do not need a constitutional mandate, the average ratepayer and majority of consumers will not benefit. Rather than implement a risky scheme that would dismantle our reliable electricity system and cost Nevadans billions, I'm urging my constituents to look into the facts and vote NO on Question 3.

State Senator Pete J. Goicoechea represents District 19.

How will energy choice affect rural Nevadans?

One of the big questions lingering about a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would end electric power monopolies and create an open and competitive market electricity is: Just how will it affect customers of rural Nevada's power cooperatives?

Question 3 on the 2016 General Election ballot — the Energy Choice Initiative (ECI) — passed by an overwhelming 72.4 percent to 27.6 percent. Because the measure would amend the state Constitution, it is back on the ballot this fall for final voter approval, but now a coalition headed by NV Energy is campaigning to defeat it.

David Luttrell — general manager of the Lincoln County Power District No. 1, president of the Nevada Rural Electric Association and a member of the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice — said his power district has not joined the coalition opposing the initiative, but he is concerned the initiative's impact on rural Nevada, should it pass, is not being adequately addressed.

"As we're moving toward energy choice we were hopeful that there would be some recognition that the rural organizations, by definition, offer choice, so there are choices," Luttrell said in a recent interview. "They were created by the people they serve for the people they serve. So at a very fundamental level that is choice."

None of the rules will be written until and unless it passes again in November and goes to lawmakers. Luttrell said what is really going on at this stage is a kind of record building and fact finding.

"If you look at some of the comments of proponents of energy choice, one of the things they very strongly believe is that existing utilities do not and are not allowed to be retail energy providers, and their argument, I understand, I get the basis of their argument, is that an existing utility, retail energy provider, they do have an advantage that others that want to come into the area will not be able to compete against," he said.

The proponents say it would be unfair and hinder real competition intended to lower overall power bills if the existing utilities are allowed to continue to generate power at the facilities they own and maintain existing contracts with outside suppliers.

While that argument is being made, it is not necessarily mandatory. The initiative itself simply requires the



THOMAS MITCHELL
COMMENTARY

Legislature to pass a law providing an open, competitive retail electric energy market by July 1, 2023. The law must include provisions to reduce customer costs, protect against service disconnections and unfair practices, and prohibit the granting of monopolies for power generation, but could leave in place regulation of transmission or distribution systems.

On their website the backers of the initiative say it would be up to lawmakers to decide if current utilities would have to divest their generation facilities.

"In some energy choice states, energy consumers do not HAVE to choose a new supplier. They can choose to remain with the incumbent utility. Other states have chosen to prohibit the utility from generating and selling power to consumers," the ECI website offers. "In both cases, the utility retains ownership of the transmission and distribution grid and responsibility for maintaining the system and billing customers. Energy choice states simply give consumers the right to choose a new supplier, aggregate a community to purchase electricity, or generate their own power."

But Paul Caudill, CEO of NV Energy, has told the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice that, if voters approve the amendment, his company is ready to divest all generation assets and all purchase power agreements. He said the company has no interest in being a provider of last resort and will most likely transform into a wires only company.

NV Energy has suggested divestiture could result in so-called stranded cost of as much as \$7 billion that would have to be paid by existing customers.

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada estimates those stranded costs could cause electricity rates to rise \$24.91 a month in Southern Nevada and \$6.52 Northern Nevada for residential customers.

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tools to clean up dead and dying trees on federal land.

Commenting again on election opponent Jackie Rosen, Heller said, "If she had her way there would be no mining, no agriculture, no cattle operations in the state. That's the big difference between us. I may not get out to Lincoln County as much as I would like, but I guarantee Rosen has never been to Lincoln County. I live in Lyon County, in rural Nevada and I am well aware of the important issues in the rural counties and what the population does between agriculture, mining, cattlemen, etc. That's a big difference."

Talking about streamlining Medicare and Medicaid funding for rural medical facilities, Heller said what is needed is competition in the rural areas. "The Affordable Care Act is still the law of the land and the way we are running the healthcare system right now is devastating the rural portions of the country, it's a system that simply doesn't work. Right now, 14 of Nevada's 17 counties have but a single provider and they call all the shots, including premiums and deductibles, etc."

This will bring about, Heller said, "huge spikes in premiums because of

the Affordable Care Act. Until we can choose providers in other states if you don't like the ones in your state, we are going to continue to see not only services deleted and clinics and hospitals still struggling, but higher and higher premiums to a point that people can't afford it. The answer is there needs to be more competition in the system or we will simply see prices continue to go up and services go down."

He concluded these remarks by saying, "Here's the choice in America today. You either believe in Socialism or you believe in Federalism, and I'm a Federalist."

Heller is co-sponsor of the Graham, Cassidy, Heller, Johnson bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute to HR 1628, the House-passed bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

The reason being, he said, "To get the one-size-fits all system out of Washington, give the money to the states and let them figure it out. Then a person could go to a provider you do like, even if it's out of state. As long as there is no competition the problems faced by those in the rural areas will continue."

Heller also said he returned recently from attending the historic opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem. During the trip, he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and top Israeli national security officials to discuss counter-terrorism issues critical to the U.S. - Israel alliance.

Mitchell

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But a report by the Garrett Group presented to the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice recently on behalf of the initiative backers said such a sell off should be profitable, and, when coupled with the recent tax law changes, should cause power bills to drop by \$11.16 a

month.

If rural power cooperatives have to divest their contracts for cheap hydroelectric power, Lutell says bills will necessarily soar.

Next week: Part 2

Thomas Mitchell is a longtime Nevada newspaper columnist. You may email him at thomas-mnv@yahoo.com. He also blogs at <http://4thst8.wordpress.com/>.

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MAY 18

DUI: Officers responded to the report of a traffic accident. One female adult was arrested for DUI.

Minor gambling: Officers responded to a casino reference an adult minor gambling. Upon arrival, a casino representative requested to sign a citation against the minor for gambling. The minor was issued a citation and released without further incident.

Welfare check: Officers responded to a Tex Street residence for a welfare check.

Phone harassment: Officer took a report of harassment.

Citizen assist: Officer took a courtesy report for a local citizen who had been a victim of identity theft. The crime occurred in St George, Utah, and the female was advised to speak with that Police Department.

Traffic accident W/O injury: Officers responded to an accident on Falcon Ridge Parkway. A report was taken and a citation was issued.

Recovered stolen vehicle: Officers responded to the report of a stolen vehicle from another state. Officers located the vehicle in a parking lot of a business. One adult male and one adult female were arrested for possession of stolen

motor vehicle and drug paraphernalia.

MAY 19

Suspicious person: Officers were dispatched to a Mesquite Springs Drive residence, in reference to a suspicious person. An adult male subject was cited and released for breach of peace.

Controlled substance problem: Officer conducted a traffic stop for a minor traffic offence. At the conclusion of the investigation the driver was issued a citation for the marijuana and drug paraphernalia and released.

Controlled substance problem: Officers responded to a theft call at an East Pioneer Boulevard casino. The suspect and his fiancé were charged with drug offenses and petit larceny.

Theft from vehicle: Officer completed a theft from motor vehicle report.

Fraud: Officers responded to a business in reference to a fraud. The suspect was identified and the investigation is on-going.

Theft: Officers responded to a theft at a business. One female adult was arrested for petit larceny and resisting arrest.

Phone harassment: Officers responded to a harassment complaint at the Police lobby. Both party's were advised to stay away from each other and stop communicating with each other.

Traffic accident W/O injury: Officers responded to a hit and run traffic collision. The driver of one vehicle fled on foot. The investigation is on-going.

Arrest

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5/18/18
DUI
Driving on the right side of the highway required

Olvera, Eddie R
Orem, UT
5/18/18
Jail housing agreement

Perez, Veronica E
Bunkerville
5/17/18
Smoke/consume marijuana in public place

Perry, James P
St. George, UT
5/18/18
Trespassing

Thorton, Aaron C
Overton
5/18/18
Jail housing agreement

Varela, Keoni M
West Covina, CA
5/14/18
Jail housing agreement

Weaver, Justin J
Mesquite
5/17/18
Suspended license/registration
Failure to appear

PD investigation results in three suspects in custody

On May 14 at about 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Narcotics Detectives concluded a lengthy investigation involving multiple suspects trafficking and distributing crystal meth and heroin in Mesquite. Detectives were involved in multiple purchases of illegal drugs and also assisted the Drug Enforcement Agency with investigating one of the involved suspects who was also currently under federal investigation.

Sirena Abbott, 37, of Mesquite, was arrested and charged with: Two felony counts of sales of a controlled substance (meth), two felony counts of trafficking a controlled substance (meth), one felony count of transporting a controlled substance (meth), two felony counts of conspiracy to violate the uniform controlled

substance act, one felony count of sales of a controlled substance (heroin), and one felony count of habitual criminal.

Joshua Pineda, 29, of Saint George Utah, was arrested and taken into custody by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), on federal drug and charges. Pineda also has multiple felony charges pending as a result of this investigation.

Rene Pintor, 25, of Saint George Utah, is currently in custody at the Mesquite Detention Center serving a sentence for previous criminal convictions. Pintor also has multiple felony charges pending as a result of this investigation.

Due to the felony charges, Abbott was transported and booked into the Clark County Detention Center in Las Vegas.

Memorial Day service slated

Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 28, at 7:45 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Memorial Day was created to honor those who paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom.

It is an opportunity to stop and give thanks for the many who have died

protecting that freedom. The program should last around 30 minutes.

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MCEF president Darlene Nelson, left, presented \$1,000 scholarships to 16 seniors.



Linda Faas

MCEF awards 16 scholarships

By Linda Faas
MLN

Virgin Valley High School seniors, parents and well-wishers gathered May 15 for the Annual Senior Awards banquet. This was an evening when seniors saw tangible rewards for their hard work and dedication to their schoolwork.

Accolades in all courses of study were awarded and thousands of dollars in scholarships were distributed to help VVHS seniors defray the high cost of their future higher education.

Principal Cliff Hughes and many others complimented this Class of 2018 as one of the finest groups of young people to have walked the halls of VVHS. Maury Quinn, in awarding certificates of recognition to student Honor Society members, noted those students personified the four pillars of National Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

VVHS is fortunate to have a number of long-time scholarship donors who have repeatedly provided financial support to its graduates. Many of those individuals and groups were on hand to congratulate winners as Vice Principal Jayden Wilson announced their names.

Mesquite Community Education Foundation is a relative newcomer to the organizations that helps raise funds for VVHS students. MCEF initiated its fundraising last year, aiming to help very good students who most need financial support to take the step toward trade school or college.

The nonprofit group provides a secure local fund for members of the community to contrib-

ute any size donation toward scholarships to be awarded to applicants in the graduating class each year. In its first year, MCEF raised \$8,000 through events and donations, and the group awarded \$1,000 scholarships to eight 2017 graduating seniors.

In 2018, MCEF raised its sights to double its fundraising success. Under the leadership of Darlene Nelson, a volunteer mentor at VVHS, the 501c3 nonprofit group achieved that goal. Enthusiastic support of the VVHS students who participated in two fundraising events and generous support of local businesses and residents made that goal a reality.

Sixteen members in the Class of 2018 were each awarded \$1,000 at the Tuesday ceremony. A ripple of excitement and a loud round of applause broke out as Nelson announced the winners.

They include: Kinlee Clark, Chelsey Goldtooth, Jackie Hughes, Karen Ramirez, Neece Thompson, Madison Cheney, Dillan Fuqua, Kitana Lopez, Maddie Mitchell, Dakota Munford, Shandon Stiner, Taylor Waite, Kallie Graves, Monserrat Martinez, Mercedes Murguia, and Katy Zuniga.

These seniors envision success as nurses, teachers, engineers, software developers, performing and visual artists, musicians, and other highly skilled professionals. But more importantly, they each intend to be contributing members and leaders in their community.

Mesquite can look forward to great things from these outstanding seniors and all of their classmates who graduate from VVHS on May 25.

Awards

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futures.

Much of the scholarship money donated by the local organizations was obtained through community fundraising efforts making the Mesquite community, as a whole, responsible for starting its youth on a smoothly paved path to success.

Many of the senior student names were heard several times over the course of the award portion of the ceremony.

These were the student who made a significant difference in the time they walked the halls of the school in both their classrooms and outside in their community.

One graduate, whose name was heard consistently for her outstanding achievements during the awards presentation, was named only twice throughout the scholarship portion of the evening, she was unofficially awarded a substantial scholarship during the banquet but her name will be heard once more.

On Wednesday, May 30, Virgin Valley graduate Makenzie Leishman will "officially" receive the single largest, local scholarship award. The Bruce King Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$6,500 will be awarded to Leishman at the closing banquet for the Mesquite Amateur Golf Tournament.

Since 2013, Mesquite Gaming and the Bruce King Memorial Board have been rewarding one Virgin Valley High School senior in memory of King.

King participated in the first 10 years of the Mesquite Amateur Tournaments before passing from cancer in 2012. The board is made up of Mesquite Amateur participants who played alongside King and wish to carry out his passion for education.

Leishman has gone above and beyond throughout her high school career and is one of nine valedictorians of her class. She is also the vice president of the National Honor Society, was the senior class treasurer and plans to continue her education and earn a degree in business with an emphasis in entrepreneurship.

Makenzie was on her class trip and couldn't be reached by the MLN, but when her mother, Jennifer, was asked about Makenzie's award she said, "Makenzie is so excited and grateful to be receiving this scholarship. She was as surprised as everyone was, as it was kept a secret. Not even school staff knew who would be getting this. She is pleased that her hard work over the years has been recognized."

"She has a strong interest in business, especially online businesses. She comes from a family of business owners and is familiar with the labor and rewards of entrepreneurial endeavors. She plans on getting a degree in business with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. She knows that she will have to work hard to fulfill her dreams, but fortunately, she is not afraid of hard work. She has what it takes to persevere."

A large portion of the local scholarship awards, a potential \$47,000 of it, came from Joe and Dixie Bowler. The Bowler's began this scholarship fund years ago and offer \$500 each to all graduating seniors each year. The students have the potential to receive the money after their first semester of college if the student has a GPA of 2.0 or higher but no lower than a "D" grade in any one class, they must have also completed 12 credits.

Students must attend their first semester of college right after graduation with the exceptions given to students who are going on an LDS mission or entering the military. Those students have the potential to receive their \$500 when their mission or military service is complete.

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Three take titles and one is taken out in Mayhem XIV

By Teri Nehrenz
MLN

On Saturday, May 19, most of the first seven bouts in Barry Meyer's Tuff-N-Uff series and Mesquite Gaming's Mayhem in Mesquite XIV was action packed especially in the first and sixth bouts.

From the very beginning mayhem emerged, fans could tell that this would be an evening of excitement; especially after the winner of the first bout was carried out by Mesquite Fire and Rescue on a stretcher.

Bout 1 went the full three rounds, both John Varela, fighting out of Fusion MMA in St. George, Utah, and Denis Actis from Albuquerque, New Mexico, fighting out of Jacksonwink MMA, were exhausted at the end.

The winner was declared by unanimous decision to be Actis who was able to stand with the referee and opponent when the announcement was made but not a moment longer. The minute the referee let go of Actis' arm, his knees let go of him and the declared winner sank to the floor.

Many who were in the cage at the time rushed to his aid and with the help of two individuals he was able to get to his feet and onto a stool but not for long. Actis sank from the stool to the floor and then the rescue team stepped up. Mesquite Fire and Rescue workers went to work quickly supplying him with oxygen and strapping him onto the board so he could be carried out to a stretcher; he was sent to Mesa View Hospital.

According to one of the MMA referees, the decision of the judges stood, Actis was still the declared winner and was sent out only because of sheer exhaustion and possibly slight dehydration; he did not sustain an injury or get hit hard enough to cause any damage during the fight.

In Bout 6, women came out harder hitting than the men and stayed that way until the end of their three round fight. Maria Jose Favela who fights out of Entram Gym in Tijuana, Mexico, went against Eliza Rushton from American Fork, Utah, in a bloody battle to the end when Favela won the fight by unanimous decision.

Fans enjoyed the first seven rounds but it was the three title fights that had everyone's interest up.

The first being Bout 8, when 155-pound Cody Hamm who fights out of Xtreme Couture in Las Vegas went against 155-pound Bryan Arreaga who fights out of DAB Gym in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Hamm came into the fight with a 6-4 record against Arreaga's 5-1 but tapped out in the second round sending Arreaga away with the first 155 pound weight class title belt.

Bout 9 was for the title in the 145 pound weight class and Elijah Legget, fighting out of ICON MMA in Moreno Valley, California, and Nick Perez who fights out of XTREME Couture in Las Vegas gave the fans a full three rounds of bloody battle until Legget was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

The "Main Event" was a three-minute, three-round title fight for the 135 pound weight class against Jaylon "New Breed" Bates and Christopher "Lil Savage" Elisarraras. Bates fights out of Portland City Boxing in Portland City, Oregon, and Elisarraras fights out of XTREME Couture in Las Vegas.

It could have been an exciting nine minutes of sports but 2:20 into the second round until Bates knocked out Elisarraras sending Bates home with the belt and title of Mayhem in Mesquite VIX Champion.

In other bouts:

Bout 2, Pierre Lagasca Tapped out to opponent Devante Burnham in the first round; Bout 3 Elijah Bertley fell to Zane Darlington in the first round; Bout 4 Jose Bonifex won his debut fight against Luis Camacho in the third round by TKO; Bout 5 ended in a draw between heavy weight fighters Anthony 'Big Mack' Womack and Emaun 'Main Event' Gregor and in bout Bout 7 Morgun Colledge tapped out in the first round to Mike Tim.

For more on Barry Meyer's Tuff-N-Uff series or Mayhem in Mesquite XIV visit the Tuff-N-Uff web site at: www.tuffnuff.com. You can view more action packed pictures from the Mayhem XIV on our website at www.mesquitielocalnews.com.



Teri Nehrenz photos



Above, Jaylon "New Breed" Bates took home the belt in the main event with a knock out of Christopher "Lil Savage" Elisarraras. At left, Cody Hamm, left, went against Bryan Arreaga. Arreaga came away with the victory.



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TRACK AND FIELD

Lady Dog relay team breaks school record at final state meet

By Lou Martin
MLN

The Virgin Valley High School track and field team's small contingent of athletes performed well at this past week-end's NIAA 3A Nevada State Championship held at Carson City High School.

The Bulldogs placed eighth out of 19 schools competing.

The highlight for the Dawgs, were their 4x100 relay team, which placed second to Sunrise Mountain. The Bulldogs broke the school record with a time of 50:04 just .07 behind the Miners.

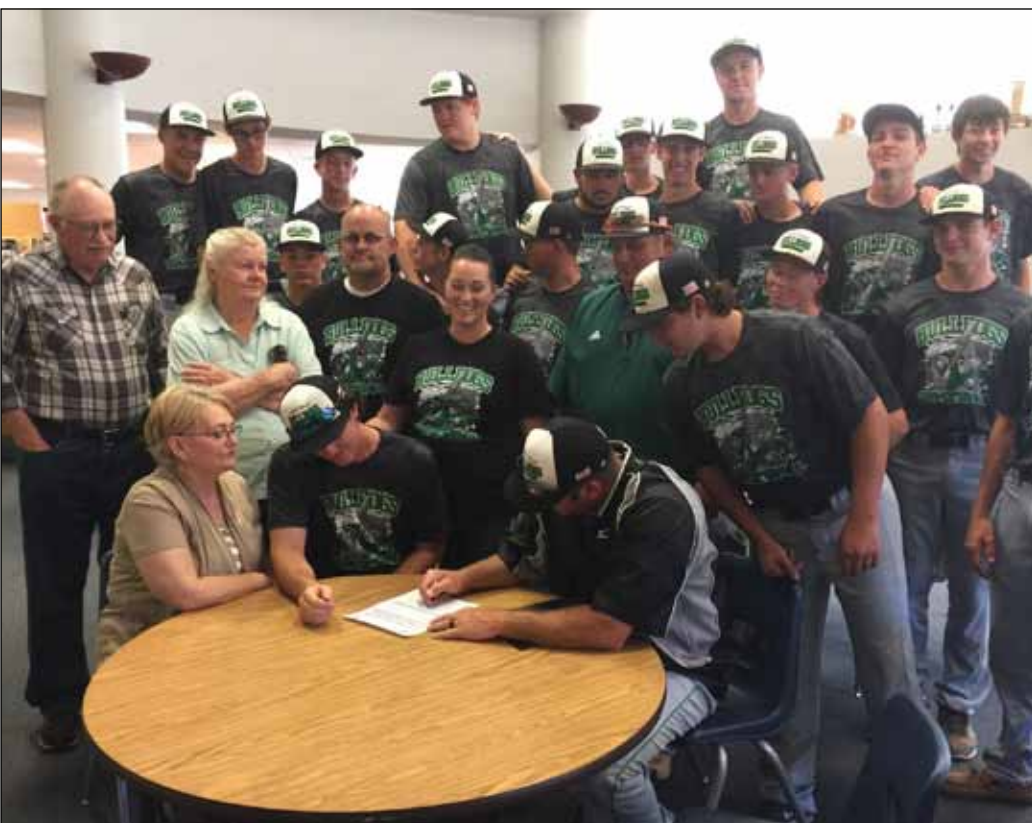
Running for the Dawgs were Emily

Teerlink, Nikita Eskelsen, Rainee Brito and Macee Bundy.

Eskelsen added a second place finish in the long jump and Julia Ramirez had a good meet with a third in the 400 meters, fifth in the 300 meter hurdles and ran a leg on the fourth place finishing Bulldog 4x400 relay team. Also running in the relay were Alyssa Ponce, Brito and Bundy. The time of 4:11:43 just fell short of the school record for the event.

Bundy added a fifth place to her day's work with a fifth in the 400 meter run. On the boy's side, Braden Bingham finished seventh in the high jump and Ty Bryant took fifth in the pole vault.

BASEBALL



Bob Snell

Virgin Valley's Dillan Fuqua, left, and head coach Justin Goodsell go over Fuqua's letter of intent to play at Utah State Eastern next season. Fuqua's family and teammates are looking on.

Fuqua signs with Utah State Eastern

By Bob Snell
MLN

Virgin Valley High senior pitcher Dillan Fuqua signed a letter of intent last week to continue his baseball career and education with Utah State Eastern. The two-year school is located in Price, Utah, and is affiliated with Utah State University in Logan.

Fuqua was a key cog in Virgin Valley's recent run in postseason play that saw the Bulldogs advance to the semifinal game of the 3A South Regional tournament before being eliminated. The Bulldogs finished 19-10-1 overall on the season.

The right-hander won six and lost two for the Bulldogs this season while com-

pling an earned run average of 1.70 in 53.2 innings of work. He struck out 65 opposing batters.

Utah State Eastern is a member of the Scenic West Athletic Conference. The Eagles finished 23-29 overall this past season going 14-17 in SWAC play.

The Eagles will lose 14 players (sophomores) from this year's squad which should give Fuqua a chance to compete for playing time on the mound next season.

Fuqua will be the second VVHS athlete to play at Utah State Eastern joining former Lady Bulldog soccer standout Abbie Barnum who was a forward on the Eagles squad this past season and will return for her sophomore season this fall.

SWIMMING

VVHS swimmers qualify for state

By Bob Snell
MLN

Eight Virgin Valley High swimmers qualified for the 3A state meet by turning in strong performances at the recent Regional swim meet held at Buchanan Natatorium on the UNLV campus in Las Vegas.

Kallie Graves, Kiley Hill, Sydney Ludvigson and Taylor Waite qualified for

state in three relays while Hill and Waite also qualified individually to help guide the VVHS girls to a third-place finish. The Lady Bulldogs totaled 194 points finishing behind meet champion Boulder City at 623 and runner-up Adelson School with 259.5.

On the boys' side, Ethan Leavitt, Jared Memmott, Keaton Ogden and Shane

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HONORS



Courtesy photo

Markell Ludvigson, center, was named one of the Top Ten Student Athletes for Southern Nevada. Mother Tiffany and father Yori are pictured with her.

Ludvigson named Top Ten Student Athlete by NIAA

By Lou Martin
MLN

Markell Ludvigson of Virgin Valley High School was named one of the Top Ten Student Athletes for Southern Nevada Monday by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Ludvigson lettered in flag football,

track and field and volleyball for the Lady Dawgs while carrying a 4.0 grade point average.

She was ranked No. 1 out of 171 students. Ludvigson is the daughter of VVHS Athletic Director Yori and Tiffany. She will continue her studies at Dixie State University majoring in dental hygiene.

KOKOPELLI LANDSCAPING'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Savannah Price

Savannah Price is our Kokopelli Landscaping Athlete of the Week for her outstanding play for the Virgin Valley High softball team. Not only was Price a workhorse from the mound, pitching an incredible number of games, for the Dawgs, she batted .517 to lead the Dogs. Price had 45 hits, including 13 doubles and three home runs for the season. An all-around athlete, Price will be sorely missed after graduation. Congrats to Savannah!

EVOLVE PEST CONTROL'S MUSICIANS OF THE WEEK



Richard French (Trombone)








Richard French is now a full time Mesquite resident after moving from the Spokane, Washington Area. He spent 21 years in the Air Force including 4 tours in Vietnam. He went on to retire from the Spokane County Sheriff's Department.

Rick started playing trumpet when he was 6 years old while living with his uncle, Charlie Hall, owner of the Brown Derby in Los Angeles. Louis Armstrong, Buddy Hackett and Jerry Lewis were instrumental in giving Rick lessons. He took a long break, but was encouraged to take it up again by his former pastor, Fred Pace.

Rick played trumpet with the Eagles Band and the Shriner's Band and was happy to switch to valve trombone to play with the Southern Nevada Symphony Orchestra.

He and his wife, Jan are active in their church, Living Waters Fellowship and enjoy road trips.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

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ELKS LODGE BRIEFS

LOCAL ELKS LODGE HONORS MOTHERS AND ARMED FORCES

Mesquite Elks Lodge 2811 held its annual Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 13, at the lodge on Riverside Drive. A solemn ritual was performed by Exalted Ruler Debbie Oskin and the officers of the lodge. Flowers were distributed, red to members whose Mothers are living, white to those members whose mothers have passed on. Many members of the lodge enjoyed the accompanying music and a great lunch provided by Lodge members.



ELKS HONOR PAST AND PRESENT ARMED FORCES MEMBERS

Mesquite Lodge 2811 Past Exalted Rulers Association held its annual Armed Forces Day banquet May 19 honoring members who served in the Military. The lodge was decorated with military and patriotic themes. Members of the lodge stood and sang as their military branch theme was played. The enthusiasm of all in attendance was heart-warming as the veterans stood proudly. The PER's cooked a steak dinner for more than 90 members who attended the banquet.

MISSION

JUNIOR PAONGA

Elder Junior Paonga has returned after serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in the Sydney, Australia, South Mission for 24 months. His parents are the Lavinia and the late Feofaaki Paongo of the Mesquite 1st Ward.



PET OF THE WEEK

BEAMER

WCFA's featured pet is Beamer: Beamer, formerly Creamy, is a 4-year-old orange tabby. He is a sweet boy that might do best in a home where he is the only cat. Beamer has been with other cats but is selective on his choice of friends. He is very non-aggressive and tends to be the one picked on. Beamer would do best on a kidney healthy diet. Beamer loves a cat tree where he can watch the outside world. He will bond easily with his human.



If you are interested in any of our pets, please go to www.wecareforanimals.org where you can see all of our adoptable pets and you can complete an adoption application. For more information call us at 702-346-3326 (voicemail), call Karen at 435-862-9574 or Linda at 702-376-1642. Next pet adoption is May 26, 9 a.m. - noon (summer hours). Please note, we will be at 51 E. First North St., Mesquite (Historical gym/old boxing club). We will continue at this location at least until the end of May. Questions? Email us at wcfanv@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/wecareforanimalsmesquitenv](https://www.facebook.com/wecareforanimalsmesquitenv). Please call us to schedule a visit with our pets at a mutually convenient time.

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CATS—Punkin is 13 years young. She is a beautiful Seal Point Himalayan. She is declawed in front. Punkin will need to be on a special diet for kidney issues. Otherwise she is very healthy and is doing well in her foster home. She is getting along well with the other cat in her foster home so would be fine with another mild mannered cat. A quiet home would be her preference. Punkin is very sweet and enjoys being petted and hanging out on a cat condo.

Taylor is about 2 years old. She is a sweet girl and has come a long way in her foster home. She likes people and enjoys exploring. Taylor is altered, current on vaccines and micro chipped. Taylor is a beautiful white/with black markings feline. Taylor is opening up and becoming more outgoing with everyone she meets. She would be very content in a home where she can wander around the house, visit with her humans and relax. Taylor shows best in a home environment setting.

Zayn and Willow are brother and sister and about 1 year old. They came to WCFA because their owner could no longer care for them. Both are gorgeous looking cats, shy but will warm up to you when you show some love and affection. Zayn and Willow are altered and current on vaccines. Although it would be nice if they were adopted together, it is not necessary.

DOGS—Maya was pulled from the local shelter. She is about 3 1/2 years old, house trained, and walks well on the leash but is nervous about meeting new dogs and people on the walk. She is doing better but it will take time. She sleeps through the night and would do well with another respectful dog in the home. Maya is timid and will need someone with patience to help her become more confident. Maya weighs 9.4 lbs but needs to gain a little weight. She is spayed, microchipped and current on vaccines.

SPAY/NEUTER

WCFA offers a wonderful low-cost/free opportunity to spay/neuter your pets to prevent accidental litters and keep your pet happy and healthy. We will always alter feral cats to be released back in their environment. Our target areas are Mesquite, Bunkerville and the Arizona Strip. Spay/Neuter Assistance Applications are available at Mesquite Veterinary Clinic located at 371 Riverside Road and Virgin Valley Veterinary Hospital at 660 Hardy Way. You may also call WCFA at 702-346-3326 to leave a message or visit wecareforanimals.org to contact us by email. Half of all litters born in the U.S. are accidents that overburden shelters and rescues.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

May 25, 1923: Bunkerville — The graduating exercises of the Clark County Normal were held today. The program was well attended and decorations beautiful. The graduates are Vera Wittwer, Amy Earl, Iris Waite, Grace Cooper, Vincent Leavitt and Ralph Huntsman.

May 26, 1917, Las Vegas Age: Arrested Dentist. James Westerfield, a dentist, was arrested in Bunkerville by Sheriff Gay upon information that the man was wanted in South Dakota on a felony charge. Sheriff Jay crane arrived Friday and started with the prisoner for Hot Springs, S.D.

May 27, 1922, Mesquite: Fred Rustin has gone to Bunkerville to resume work on the school building. He stopped on

account of delay of a car (Rail) of lumber. The house is now up to the square.

May 29, 1917: Samuel Reber Jr., of Mesquite, was in Washington County Utah, on business.

May 29, 1917: Mrs. Nancy Bowler and two of her children of Mesquite are visiting friends and relatives in Gunlock, Utah.

May 29, 1923: John Barnum has bought the Mochler farm. The Mochler family has moved to California on account of Mrs. Mochler's health. The people will certainly miss them.

May 29, 1923: The farmers are busy running the binders early and late on account of the grain ripening so fast.

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Friday, May 25: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas & pearl onions, peaches, WW roll w/margarine
Monday, May 28: Closed Memorial

Day
Tuesday, May 29: Minestrone Soup, tuna salad, WW pita bread
Wednesday, May 30: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, corn, bread stick, spiced apples

OBITUARIES

JEFFREY K. GIFFIN

Jeffrey K. 'Jeff' Giffin, 54, formerly of Hutchinson, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at his home in Winfield, KS. He was born April 19, 1964, in Orlando, FL, the son of Larry L. and Sharon K. (Coffman) Giffin.



Jeff was a 1982 graduate of Hutchinson High School and then attended Hutchinson Community College and Fort Hays State University. He was a computer and copier specialist, having worked for Eastman-Kodak and IBM Corporation.

Jeff is survived by: daughters, Kelsy Coulter and husband Ian, and Courtney Giffin, all of Wichita; his mother, Sharon Giffin-Solomon and her husband Terry Solomon of Mesquite, Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry and his aunt and uncle, Sandra and Calvin Schenkel.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2018, at Elliott Chapel with Pastor Matt Stafford officiating. Friends may sign the book from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Elliott Mortuary. In lieu

of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hutchinson Animal Shelter, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

GREGORY T. SULLIVAN

Gregory Sullivan, Age 66 of Lino Lakes, MN and Mesquite Nevada unexpectedly passed away May 15, 2018. Preceded in death by father Thomas and sister Margo. Owned and operated Glass and Mirror, Inc. in Blaine for 35 years.



He was a wonderful husband, an incredible father and a bedrock to all who knew him.

Survived by his wife of 45 years Mary Lee; son Patrick (Samantha); mother Margaret; brothers Jim(Bev), Terry(Patty) and Tim(Cathy); sisters Lois (Steve), Patty (Steve), Rose (Dan), Mary Jo (Barry), Kathy (Neil) and Kelly (Doug); and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Greg Sullivan with proceeds going to the Sullivan Scholarship Fund for Advanced Education.

Services were held Monday, May 21 at the Church of the Epiphany 11001 Hanson Blvd. N.W., Coon Rapids.



Courtesy photo

Sydney Ludvigson, Kallie Graves, Taylor Waite and Kiley Hill placed second in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays while finishing third in the 400 freestyle relay at the recent regional meet at UNLV. Virgin Valley's girls placed third overall

Swimming

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Zarate qualified for state in two relay events as VVHS placed fifth with 154 points. Boulder City won the team title with 540 points.

Graves, Hill, Ludvigson and Waite placed second in the 200 meter medley relay with a time of 2:12.68 and also fin-

ished second in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:56.64. The four also placed third in the 400 freestyle with a time of 4:26.85.

Individually, Waite finished second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.75 while Hill was fourth in the 100 breaststroke at 1:25.71.

Meanwhile, Leavitt, Memmott, Ogden and Zarate finished fourth in the boys' 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:43.74. They placed fifth in the 400 freestyle relay at 3:59.40.



Courtesy photo

JL Bowler Elementary School fifth graders participated in the "We The People ... The Citizens and the Constitution" event.

Fifth-grader simulate congressional hearings

JL Bowler Elementary School fifth grade students participated in a simulated congressional hearing Thursday, May 18, as a part of the "We the People" program. "We the People ... The Citizen and the Constitution" is a nationally acclaimed civic education program about the history and philosophy of the U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Community leaders served as panels of judges and timekeepers before which the students "testified" as expert witnesses. Serving as judges and timekeepers were Patsy Junker, Jeff McKenna, Barb Benedict, Michael Waite, Audri Durrence, Sharon Wakefield, Judge Darryll Dodenbier, Kathy Graves, Dennis Lee, Dan Rhodes, Carol Fuller, Barbara Ellestad, Judge Ryan Toone, Merlin Hafen, Karl Gustaveson, Mark Weinrich, Mayo Vitela, Maureen Kuntze, Simon Irvin-Vitela, and Gayle Vitela.

Also acting as a judge was Jayne Malorni, K-12 Social Studies Coordinator for the Clark County School District. Many other parents and volunteers helped make the event meaningful and successful for the students.

The students began their part of the formal program by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless the U.S.A." led by Lynette Leavitt, the JL Bowler music teacher.

Selected students led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a different group of students directed the reciting of the preamble to the constitution as a group before their individual unit presentations began. After all the unit presentations were over, Jeff McKenna addressed the whole group, exhorting them to continue to show civic virtue and to always cel-

ebate what is good about our country while trying to improve what needs to be changed.

"We the People" is a supplemental program of classroom instruction. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help develop intellectual and participatory skills while increasing students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. The curriculum seeks to foster attitudes and skills that are necessary for students to participate as effective, responsible citizens. The culminating activity for the course is the simulated hearing.

JL Bowler fifth graders have participated in "We the People" for many years now in spite of the fact that it is difficult to make the time for the instruction of the program.

The fifth grade teachers Kelle Sudweeks, Arica Cook, and Lucy Weinrich all agreed that the program was very beneficial for their students. The teachers also noted that they would not be able to participate in this program without the support of Principal Christopher Jenkins and the rest of the school staff.

The fifth graders learned a lot and appreciated the help of the judges who came. Lazarus Hecht said, "One thing I liked was I felt I was part of government." Gael Godinez observed, "We learned about the purpose of government, that it protects our life, liberty, and property. When we pick a government we protect self-interest." Arlett Salazar said, "If people don't participate in their government when they have a chance, they shouldn't be complaining of what the government decides."



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Jared Memmott, Ethan Leavitt, Keaton Ogden and Shane Zarate placed fourth in the 200 freestyle relay and fifth in the 400 freestyle relay for the VVHS boys at the recent regional swim meet at Buchanan Natatorium at UNLV.

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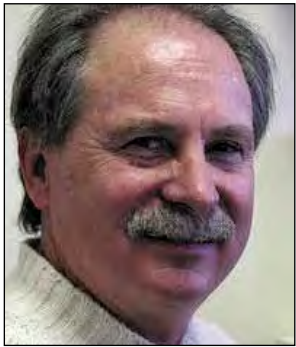
We also use the word "remember" when we ask God to remember His promises and help us in our time of need.

Samson's prayed, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once" (Judges 16:28). And the thief on the cross said, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

But the most powerful use of the word "remember" is when God says that He remembers us and His covenant promises towards us.

"Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing ... (saying) 'I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh ... The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth'" (Genesis 8:1; 9:15-16)

God had just finished His judgment against humanity's wickedness and the flood He sent upon the earth. And it says God remembered Noah and the



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creatures on the Ark, and made a covenant with Noah never to destroy the earth again by way of a flood, and He set a rainbow in the sky to remind us of His promise.

No matter what we may be going through, whether it is feeling forgotten, down, and dejected, or whether we're suffering from an illness or disease, what we need to remember is that God remembers His promises.

Promises like He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), or Jesus' promise that He will be with us to the end (Matthew 28:20).

And so today remember that God remembers you and that He will be there for you through thick and thin.

This Sunday at 10 a.m. we'll be having a special Memorial Day service remembering the one who died for our freedom.

Pastor Dennis Lee is the senior pastor of Living Waters Fellowship located at 211 West 1st South behind Ace Hardware.

CALENDAR

This week, more than 600 golfers will descend on Mesquite for the second largest handicapped amateur tournament in the nation, **Mesquite Amateur**.

The 16th Annual Mesquite Amateur, a five-day 54-hole, net, stroke play tournament, takes place from May 28 through June 1.

The Mesquite Amateur, hosted by Mesquite Gaming, serves as a summer getaway for hundreds of amateur golfers, not only around the United States, but the world.

Thirty-eight U.S. states are represented in this year's tournament, and there are 12 foreign competitors traveling from as far as Thailand. The tournament continues to attract a wide range of players, from the oldest male participant at 90 years old, to the 130 female participants, including last year's champion Gigi Higgins of Cape Coral, Fla.

Community involvement is essential each year for the Mesquite Amateur, and this year more than 60 local Mesquite volunteers will be assisting with tournament. Their work and dedication during the week of this tournament help create an amazing experience for all participants.

Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 28, 7:45 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Memorial Day was created to honor those who paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom.

Be sure to send all your events to in.bbm@gmail.com so we can let all of Mesquite know what's going on.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Sunrise Rotary
Where: Scotty's, 1024 Normandy Ln.
When: 8-9 a.m.

Info: debparsley@kw.com
Student Art Reception
Where: Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

When: 4-6 p.m.
Info: 702-346-1338

Kids Steam-Ages 6-11-Lego
Where: Mesquite Library Temporary Location, 150 N. Yucca St.

When: 4 p.m.
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FRIDAY, MAY 25
Ages 0-5 Story Time
Where: Mesquite Library Temporary Location, 150 N. Yucca St.

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Desert Dames Luncheon
Where: Eureka Casino, Grand Ball Room, 275 Mesa Blvd.
When: noon
Info: 702-345-3477
Teen Scene
Where: Mesquite Library Temporary Location, 150 N. Yucca St.
When: 3:30 p.m.
Info: 702-346-5224
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Where: CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.
When: 8:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MAY 26

FC Mesquite Soccer
Where: Mesquite Sports and Events Complex, 1635 World Champion Way

When: Call for times
Info: www.mesquitenv.gov/events

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SUNDAY, MAY 27
FC Mesquite Soccer
Where: Mesquite Sports and Events Complex, 1635 World Champion Way

When: Call for times
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MONDAY, MAY 28
Memorial Day Services
Where: Mesquite Veteran's Park

When: 7:45 a.m.
Info: No political advertising or promoting allowed

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Where: Mesquite Sports and Events Complex, 1635 World Champion Way

When: Call for times
Info: www.mesquitenv.gov/events

TUESDAY, MAY 29
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2018 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Advanced Honors Graduates

Students receive a Certificate and Medal

Students are required to fulfill 12 Honors Classes + Unweighted GPA 3.25 and Weighted GPA 3.85

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Hakan Anderson	Jacklyn Gomez-Vega	Maurice Perkins
Jessica Barnum	Kallie Graves	Edward Ponce
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Rachel Cook

Valedictorian Awards

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LaRea Atkinson	Jacquelyn Hughes	Amy Nguyen	
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Nichole Brown	Easton Jensoen	Karen Ramirez	
Kinlee Clark	Hayden Johnson	Sarah Rappleye	
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2018 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

3.7 GPA Graduates

*Students receive Certificates and Green and White Rope
Students maintain a 3.7 GPA thorough out School Year*

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Rachel Fails	Melissa Vidal
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Block V Awards

*Students must achieve 75 points
through leadership and
extracurricular activities*

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2018 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

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Students Receive Multiple Medallions and Certificate

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Beaver Dam awards

By Teri Nehrenz
MLN

Beaver Dam High School held its student award ceremony on Wednesday, May 16. All students were recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions. Seniors were recognized for the accomplishments of their senior year.

Silver Awards for GPAs of 3.50 to 3.74 went to Graduating Candidates, Matthew Horner, Perla Mancha and Brenda Miramontes.

GPA of 4.0 and Gold with Distinction Certificates were presented to Danielle Garlick and Andrew Guimond.

Danielle Garlick seemed to walk away with the bulk of the senior awards; she also received the Twelfth Grade Science Award, Yearbook Journalism Outstanding Student Award, Senior Student Career Award, Twelfth Grade English Language Arts Award, Twelfth Grade Mathematics Award and the outstanding achievement of being named the Class of 2018 Valedictorian. Andrew Guimond was named Class of 2018 Salutatorian.



Beaver Dam High School honored three graduating candidates, Alecia Betran, Shelby Draper and Isabella Gonzalez. They were awarded certificates for their outstanding leadership in student government.

Teri Nehrenz

Beside the plethora of awards, Garlick also received the Mesquite Rotary Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Leticia Beltran also received a Twelfth Grade Mathematics Award.

A Special Graduation Award was presented to Moises Martinez

The Principal's Award was presented to

Yesenia Ortega and Leticia Beltran received the Superintendent's Award.

Dixie Power Company's Youth Leadership Challenge Scholarship was awarded to Kyla Bovard.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Beaver Dam Jr./Sr. High School on Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m.



Beaver Dam High School Graduation Candidates 2018

Ceremony on Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m.



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Andrew Alexander Guimond



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