

# MESQUITE LOCAL NEWS

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## CITY COUNCIL

### Mayor to give State of City address

MLN

Mayor Allan Litman will deliver the annual State of the City Address during the February Mesquite Chamber luncheon on Feb 13, at 11:30 a.m. It is being held at the CasaBlanca Hotel & Casino located at 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.

Tickets are required to attend and can be obtained from the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce by calling 702-346-2902.

## TOURISM

### Visitor volumes end less than stellar year

By Barbara Ellestad

MLN

Blame it on 2017 being the best year in visitor volumes since the great recession began 10 years before. Blame it on a marked increase in hotel room availability in nearby St. George. Or, blame it on Las Vegas being a more experience-driven destination for millennials.

Whatever the cause, Mesquite visitor volumes ended calendar year 2018 with a 4.4 percent decline in a year-to-year comparison to 2017. While there were still 1,308,200 people who visited Mesquite for the year, that's 60,300 less than the previous year.

In a comparison of the 12 calendar months between 2017 and 2018, nine of them showed declines in the number of visitors. Only three months — January, February and May — had an increase in visitors. January had the largest percentage increase at 2.2 percent while August had the largest decrease in visitor volumes at 15.9 percent.

The bright spot in the Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority report for the year showed an increase of 4.6 percent in gross gaming revenues. Those revenues totaled \$130.324 million in 2018 compared to \$124.626 million in 2017. Eleven months in 2018 had positive increases in Mesquite gaming revenues with February showing the only yearly comparison decline of 1.5 percent.

June had the largest percentage increase in gaming revenues at 10.3 percent while December had the smallest increase at 0.6 percent year-to-year.

The LVCVA report showed a miniscule decline of 0.7 percent in the total occupancy rates for 2018 ending the year with a 76.2 percent fill rate of hotel rooms.

The average daily room rate for Mesquite hotels increased 2.8 percent for the year coming in at an average of \$60.29. That's slightly higher than the 2017 average of \$58.62. For the year, nine months showed positive gains in the ADR while only January, August and December had declines.

The yearly average revenue per available room also increased in 2018 by 2.0 percent. The average rate in 2017 was \$45.09 while the rate in 2018 was \$45.99. RevPAR increased in seven of 12 months with June, July, August, September and December showing declines.



Submitted photo

Greg Lee, chairman, right, and Andre Carrier, chief operating officer, of the Eureka Casino Resort, stand amidst the company's newest facility and land purchase, the Seabrook Greyhound Park in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

## EUREKA EXPANDS

### Eureka expands with purchase of greyhound park

By Barbara Ellestad

MLN

What does a small, coastal New Hampshire town have in common with a small, desert Nevada town?

As of the first day of February, both have a 100-percent employee-owned gaming company called Eureka Casino Resort in its midst. The Eureka, based in Mesquite, is one of only two employee-owned casino companies in the United States.

Greg Lee, chairman, and Andre Carrier, chief operating officer, both with the Eureka, announced the purchase of Seabrook Greyhound Park, a 75-acre property and 90,000 square foot facility in Seabrook, New Hampshire. The park has a storied history as a destination for live racing, off-track betting and charitable casino gaming since 1973.

The greyhound park is located about an hour north of Boston, just off I-95 at Exit 1 at the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border, and very near to the Atlantic coastline. While the park does not have onsite hotels, there are many located in nearby Hampton Beach.

"We are excited to bring the opportunity for employee ownership to this legacy business. We look forward to

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## MESQUITE SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Teri Nehrenz

Mesquite resident Bill Boope takes the plunge for Special Olympics in a belly dancer's costume which did nothing to shield him from the icy waters but made a huge splash in the water and with the other participants.

### Residents take plunge for charity

By Teri Nehrenz

MLN

On Saturday, Feb. 2, a few dozen Mesquite residents plunged into the icy waters of the Mesquite Recreation Center's outdoor pool that lay beneath the snowcapped Virgin Mountains as a fundraising effort for the Mesquite Special Olympics.

This year's theme was "Plunge with a Purpose" focusing on SONV's mission of promoting inclusion, empowering people with disabilities and helping to put an end to bullying.

Proceeds from the Mesquite Polar Plunge benefit SONV to offer year-round training and competitions in 10 different sports, schools programs and health resources all completely

free of charge to more than 3,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the state.

The money raised will help to provide sports training and competition opportunities to the Special Olympics athletes currently served, right here in Mesquite.

The largest Polar Plunge fundraising event, the "Plugapalooza," which raises money for Special Olympics, is held at Sandy Point State Park in Maryland where they've had participants numbering 12,000 or better.

For the privilege of experiencing that icy blast Mesquite residents needed to raise a minimum of \$125, but they didn't have to stop there; in this case,

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## VVWD

### Board votes to secure transmission ROW by eminent domain

By Linda Faas

MLN

After eight months of unsuccessful negotiations with a private property owner in Lincoln County, Virgin Valley Water District has voted to invoke eminent domain to secure a portion of the transmission right of way to connect its future Well 34 to the current water infrastructure it owns in Lincoln County.

Nevada Revised Statutes authorize a public body such as VVWD to take private land for purpose of water transmission if the private landowner is paid just compensation.

After a public hearing on Feb. 5, the district board voted unanimously 5-0 to impose eminent domain on Lincoln County land owner C&O Holdings to give the district access to a well site it has planned in Lincoln County for 10 years.

VVWD has water rights to draw water from the aquifer in Lincoln County, and currently operates Well 33 north of Mesquite. In December, the Bureau of Land Management approved a transmission right of way (ROW) across the BLM-managed land that lies between the VVWD well site and its tanks and arsenic plant situated in Lincoln County.

However, a large parcel of private land also lies between the well site and tanks. Development of its Lincoln County water rights are viewed as critically important to VVWD in supplying the Del Webb Sun City development with adequate water and system pressure.

VVWD supplies culinary water for the entire Virgin Valley, and as such, must

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# Plunge

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more is always better.

Those who raised the minimum received an official Feel the Thrill of the Chill long sleeve Polar Plunge t-shirt and a barbecue lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings.

While enjoying lunch, folks also participated in post/pre-plunge activities including awards presentations for tops fundraisers and best costumes and raffle prizes donated from local businesses.

Mesquite Rotary members are hard-core supporters of the Special Olympics and member Dale Rust, AKA Mizz Lollipop, was there on behalf of all Rotary members to take that icy dip.

Keith Buchhalter said, "We've always helped to support the Special Olympics financially and I think It's an important partnership. Not just to

help support them financially but to attend and participate in their events; that's what helps to build a strong community. At the end of the day, what is important is strengthening our community for everyone."

To add to the fun, costumes were encouraged, and some residents went all out on theirs. Charley and Bill Boope, supporters of the event, dressed Bill in a belly dancer outfit that didn't do much to keep him warm but made a big splash with the other supporters and in the water.

After the plunge, hot showers were available inside the Recreation Center for folks to warm their bones.

A hot lunch was available for anybody who wanted to support but not take the plunge; Mesquite Fire and Rescue workers cooked up a mess of burgers and hot dogs to feed the troupes.

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# Eureka

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bringing our corporate culture, and our desire to meet and exceed the expectations of our guests and the communities we serve, to New Hampshire," Lee said.

"It feels great to be home," Carrier said.

Both men have deep ties to New Hampshire. Lee was a graduate of St. Paul's School in Concord and Carrier's family still resides in the Mount Washington Valley. Their connection to the Granite State and extensive industry experience inspired them to pursue the opportunity in Seabrook.

"Greg and I love the land and location of Seabrook Park as well as the business opportunity," Carrier said. "We think we are able to bring some new energy to race wagering and our approach to business is really aligned with the charitable casino model in place in New Hampshire. We foresee doing a lot of good here while having a lot of fun."

In an exclusive telephone interview, Carrier told the Mesquite Local News that the Eureka Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), established in 2015, is the official purchaser of the property. "The bartender who works at the Eureka in Mesquite has ownership in the Seabrook property. The waitress who works at the Seabrook property has ownership in the Mesquite property. It's exciting and rather unique for our ESOP," Carrier said.

Carrier said when the company was looking to diversify from both an industry standpoint and geographically, "the Seabrook property checked both boxes for us. We see this as a legacy business that is ripe for reinvention. We believe there is good growth potential in re-

tail entertainment in the area. Also, the charitable casino gaming model is a perfect fit for our company's mindset."

The state of New Hampshire outlawed live greyhound racing in 2010 so the park relies on simulcast off-track betting and charitable casino gaming. "Should the state allow an expanded resort gaming style, we most certainly can build new hotel facilities on the grounds because we have the space to do so," Carrier said.

The charitable casino gaming model is a throwback to the days when charities used gaming nights to raise money for their work. Rather than the gamer business traveling to the charity though, this model allows charities to contract with a professional gamer for a set number of days through the year at a fixed location such as the Seabrook Park. Proceeds from the charity's event are split between the two entities. "It's a highly efficient way for a casino gamer to work on behalf of charities," Carrier said.

Eureka will begin improvements to the facility immediately with construction beginning Feb. 4. The casino, poker room, and simulcast/off-track betting areas will remain open throughout the remodel and will maintain customary operating hours. Eureka plans to transform the entire facility into the region's premier gaming, entertainment and food and beverage destination, with the first full phase of development completed by August.

"We will work hard to design and build a new facility that is welcoming and exciting to both first-time guests and the Park's long-time valued customers," Carrier said. "The park has been a landmark in New Hampshire for nearly half a century and we take our responsibility seriously to make it a vibrant business and destination for many years to come."

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# VVWD

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plan many years in advance for population growth and expansion of water infrastructure. About 10 years ago, VVWD began the process of securing rights of way to drill a well, VVWD 34, in Lincoln County to provide water for City of Mesquite and other unincorporated areas in Clark County.

All rights to the well site have long been approved by the BLM, but the transmission corridor for the water line, along with underground power and telecommunication lines, maintenance access, and ingress/egress to the site was not included in that BLM approval.

During the public hearing that preceded the eminent domain vote, 16-year resident Sterling Holland questioned the use of that legal maneuver, concerned that such action might become a common practice in place of good faith negotiations by the district.

VVWD legal counsel Bo Bingham recounted VVWD's prior attempts to buy the right of way, but the owner backed out at time of signing, after eight months of negotiation. He also stated that this was the first case he knew of VVWD using eminent domain action.

After all board members stated personal distaste for the need to use eminent domain, newly elected director John Burrows moved for the motion to invoke eminent domain to obtain the final segment of trans-

mission right of way. The full board also voted 5-0 to accept a formal resolution that provides specifics for that action.

The board has hired appraiser Craig Morley of Morley & McCorkle LC to value the land for just compensation. The parcel of land in question is 30 feet wide, and about a half mile long. It follows a current road that has been partially developed through the area, minimizing the need to further disturb desert land. C & O Holdings did not attend the meeting, but sent a letter of objection that was read during the public hearing.

VVWD maintains that a rerouting of its approved ROW with the BLM might require years of renegotiation that would delay delivery of water to Sun City. According to the resolution that was passed, the eminent domain process will begin immediately, along with plans for drilling Well 34.

The board approved hiring Campbell & Associates to design an addition to the district's headquarters along with renovation of the existing building that was built in 1996. The current building has serious roof issues and is inadequate size to house staff. Campbell was the only one of eight invited companies to respond to VVWD's request for bid. Their bid of \$115,000 was accepted for design of the project that is budgeted for completion over two years. A new conference facility will be added, and the current customer service and office area will be redesigned at a total cost of about \$1million.

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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 Jan. 27-Feb 3.

## JAN. 27

**Controlled substance problem:** Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call. The vehicle was occupied by two adult males and one adult female. The registered owner consented to a vehicle search. Officer located heroin and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. One male and the female were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Property damage, non-vandalism:** Officers responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard, business in reference to property damage. One male adult was cited and released for property damage.

**Theft:** Officer's contacted a female who stated her husband made an unlawful entry to her mother's business and stole a large sum of money that belonged to the business.

**Business or license problem:** Assisted State Taxi Cab Authority on a business license violation.

**Theft:** Officers responded to a Commerce Park storage facility reference a theft from a trailer. A report was completed.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Officers responded to a two-car collision in a controlled intersection. One passenger was taken to the hospital to be checked out and both cars had to be towed from the scene. The collision was caused by one vehicle failing to yield the right of way.

## JAN. 28

**Fraud:** Officers responded to the Mesquite Police Department reference a fraud. A report was completed.

**Lost property:** Officer responded to the Mesquite Police Department reference a lost property. A report was completed.

**Fraud:** Officers responded to a residence on a report of fraud. A report was completed and will be forwarded to detectives.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Officer were dispatched to the round-about for a non-injury two vehicle accident. A driver was cited for the cause of the accident and an accident report was completed.

**Property damage, non -vandalism:** Officers responded to a suspicious person who was checking cars and car door handles. It was discovered a male had broken into a vehicle but fled the area just prior to officer's arrival. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the subject.

## JAN. 29

**Vandalism:** Officers responded to a Kitty Hawk Drive apartment complex reference a property damage. A report was completed.

**Found property:** Officers took a report of found property.

**Traffic stop:** Detectives conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and the adult male passenger was arrested for an outstanding Mesquite Municipal Court warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia. The adult female driver was issued a citation for traffic offenses and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Minor gambling:** Officers responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino for a minor gambling. Upon arrival one adult under the age of 21 was cited and released for minor gambling.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** A male driver was involved in a single vehicle accident causing property damage to a fire hydrant. The driver left the scene on foot and was later located. The male was issued multiple citations for the accident.

**Domestic violence:** Officers responded to a report of a domestic. Upon investigation two individuals were taken into custody as result of the investigation.

## JAN. 30

**Traffic Stop:** An officer observed a suspicious vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver refused to stop his vehicle and he crashed and fled from officers. The male was later arrested on multiple felonies.

**Dead body:** Police responded to a death of natural causes.

**Wanted person:** Officer responded to a casino for a report of a male subject trespassing. One male subject was taken into custody for an unrelated warrant.

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## JAN. 26-FEB. 2

Statistics supplied by Mesquite Police Department. Disclaimer: These names were reported in the Mesquite Police Department's arrest report released Jan. 4. Persons should be presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

**Cacho, Guadalupe**  
Mesquite  
1/29/19  
False information/obstructing  
Resisting a public officer

**Callahan, Mikeil G**  
Mesquite  
2/1/19  
Domestic battery

**Callahan, Virginia R**  
Mesquite  
2/1/19  
Domestic battery

**Church, Shanell H**  
Fredonia, AZ  
1/30/19  
Trafficking a controlled substance  
Possession of drug paraphernalia  
Possession of a controlled substance 3

**Dennis, Paul T**  
Fredonia, AZ  
1/30/19  
Related incidents

**Diggs, Justin S**  
Mesquite  
2/1/19

Trespassing  
1/27/19  
Possession of drug paraphernalia

**Duran, Marie A**  
Bakersfield, CA  
2/2/19  
Domestic battery

**Ellison, Matthew S**  
Bunkerville  
1/29/19  
Burglary  
Theft

**Figuroa, Amanda N**  
Anderson, IN  
1/31/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Male juvenile offender**  
Mesquite  
2/1/19  
False information/obstructing

**Flores-Estrada, Roberto J Jr.**  
Mesquite  
1/29/19  
False information/obstructing  
Resisting a public officer  
Hit and run unattended vehicle  
Domestic battery  
Failure to maintain travel lane  
Injury to property of another

**Hammon, Tyler J**  
Colorado City, AZ  
1/28/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Harris, Kirsten R**  
Mt. Carmel, UT

**Helton, Byron E III**  
Mesquite  
1/31/19  
Grand larceny  
Possession of stolen property  
Possession of a controlled substance x2  
Possession of drug paraphernalia  
Harassment

**Hernandez, Herbert D**  
Henderson  
2/2/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Houle, Christopher D**  
Las Vegas  
1/31/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Johnson, Braydon C**  
Fredonia, AZ  
1/27/19  
Possession of a controlled substance  
Possession of drug paraphernalia  
Fugitive from justice

**Johnson, Shirl S**  
LaVerkin, UT  
1/30/19  
Failure to appear

**Knuston, Patty M**  
Mesquite  
2/2/19  
DUI

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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 1
- Agency assists 3
- Back pain 1
- Breathing 2
- Cardiac arrest 1
- Chest pain 1
- Convulsions 3
- Diabetic 1
- Falls 5
- Fire 1
- Fire investigation 1
- Heart problem 1
- Hemorrhage 1
- Odor investigation 2
- Overdose 1
- Patient transport 15
- Sick person 7
- Stroke 3
- Trauma 1
- Unconscious 5
- Unknown problem 2
- Vehicle fire 1

## JAN. 27

**Abdominal pain:** Rescue 11 responded on a person with abdomen pain. Patient transported to local hospital.

## JAN. 28

**Falls:** Rescue 11 responded to a fall victim. One patient was transported to local hospital.

## JAN. 29

**Chest pain:** Rescue 33 and Engine 31 responded on a person having chest pain. Patient transported to local hospital.

## JAN. 30

**Trauma:** Rescue 11 responded to report of a traumatic injury. One patient was transported to the local hospital.

## FEB. 1

**Vehicle fire:** Engine 31 and Rescue 32 responded to report of a vehicle fire on I15.

## FEB. 2

**Unconscious:** Rescue 31 and Rescue 32 responded on a unconscious person. Patient transported to local hospital.

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# OPINION

## Efforts to repeal Marsy's Law need to begin now

You can't say we didn't warn you. We asked in an editorial published shortly before the November election whether the constitutional amendment on the ballot in Nevada and other states — known as Marsy's Law and sold as a victim rights measure — could prevent the release of names of crime victims and crime reports that keep the public aware of public safety issues and how well justice is being delivered by our elected and appointed police, prosecutors and judges.

Marsy's Law is being pushed nationwide by the wealthy family of Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was killed in 1983 by her ex-boyfriend. Family members were miffed when they walked into a grocery store and saw the ex-boyfriend, who had been released on bail without their knowledge. Whether bail would have been granted even if they were informed of the hearing is a matter of conjecture.

The Associated Press is now reporting that the police chief in Sebring, Fla., is refusing to release the names of some of the five women shot to death in a local bank. The chief noted that the Marsy's Law amend-

ment to the state constitution approved by voters in November allows relatives of crime victims to prevent the disclosure of information that could be used to locate or harass them or their families.

The AP account quotes Barbara Petersen of the Tallahassee-based First Amendment Foundation as asking the logical question, "How do we hold law enforcement accountable? Are we going to start having secret trials, crime victims testifying behind curtains?"

Then there is the absurdity of the perpetrator being a "victim" by virtue of being a protected family member. It's happened twice in Florida already.

In Tallahassee, police refused to release the name of a person killed in an apparent DUI-related crash or the name of the driver because they reportedly were related.

In Pembroke Pines police refused to release the names of either a woman shot to death by her husband or the name of the husband who then committed suicide in front of police officers.

Furthermore, there have been cases in both South and North Dakota in which the names of police officers involved in

shootings were concealed from the public because they qualified as victims under Marsy's Law and revealing their identities could be used to locate or harass them or their families. Such blanket secrecy could allow public officials to cover up mistakes, malfeasance or even corruption.

Could a corporation demand that its identity be kept secret after being the victim of theft or embezzlement due to lax precautions? This could leave customers and shareholders unaware.

Could a crime spree in a neighborhood go unreported because Marsy's Law conceals the identity of victims and their proximate locations?

The ACLU of Nevada opposed Marsy's Law, saying that granting victims constitutional rights equal to the accused undermines the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments, which are meant to limit the power of government. It "undermines the presumption of innocence by allowing victims to be involved in procedural processes prior to conviction," the ACLU argued.

The "rights" created under Nevada's version of Marsy's Law include the right

to refuse an interview or deposition request, unless under court order, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview. This directly interferes with the accused-but-not-yet-convicted person's Sixth Amendment Right to effective assistance of an attorney.

Marsy's Law also requires "victims" to be notified of any hearing or procedure. Because it defines a "victim" as any person directly and proximately harmed by the commission of a criminal offense, it is difficult to put a limit on how many people would have to be notified. The cost is incalculable. This could open the door to lengthy delays and added expense, harming the victims instead of helping.

Not only must justice be done; it must also be seen to be done. Marsy's Law can block the public's access to information needed to make sure public officials are actually carrying out their duties responsibly and effectively.

It will take three years to undo the threats to justice posed by Marsy's Law because it is in the state Constitution. We call on our lawmakers to get the ball rolling. — TM

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### POWER OUTAGE NEEDS POST INCIDENT ASSESSMENT

**To the editor,**  
Having lived through the hell of the 2017 power outage, this one didn't reach the hell level thanks in part to the email updates from OPD.

Reporter Barbara Ellestad had complaints and suggestions and opines that OPD has a lot to do before the next blackout "that won't take a lot of time and money on OPD's part."

Well I'm sure that when stuff happens OPD will see to community comfort and then see to responding to the problem. Or not. I imagine that it is all hands on deck when a major outage occurs.

It would not be just money but people resources to respond to the community or several communities. I don't know Ms. Ellestad, if money and people (assuming that the money and people are available) would be able to respond as promptly and efficiently, as you believe they should.

Perhaps you could liaise with OPD as they do a post incident assessment.

On another note, I deeply appreciate stories on various construction projects in the valley. I had already figured out that a new light was com-

ing in on Grapevine and Pioneer. The story had more details. Great. The project by the two churches has been a puzzle.

First they water the soil, then they appear to compact the soil. Repeat and repeat. Then the ground rises. How curious.

I am puzzled no longer. These are informative stories that I enjoy as your politics suck.

**Joan Blewett  
Mesquite**

### DESERT DOGS APPRECIATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**To the Editor,**

The Mesquite Desert Dogs is a professional basketball team based right here in Mesquite.

As the current head coach, I felt compelled to reach out to the community and express my gratitude for all the support we have received in that last couple of months.

Every game I look into the stands and I see so many supporters, this is a great feeling. I do understand that not all the community is aware we are here, due to lack of advertising and unable to get the word out but please know we are trying to revamp our organization so that we can get more information out.

We truly love being in Mesquite and want to continue to grow and become a part of the community.

Mesquite Desert Dogs mission is to provide a high quality basketball experience for the players, fans and the community. We thrive for excellence, both on and off the court to enrich the lives of everyone within our basketball family.

Since we are new to the community, we are seeking all opportunities to have the team engaged with different organizations to be able to make a positive impact. It is important that we give back to the community that supports us.

We are associated with The Basketball League and our season runs from January to April.

This season, we host our home games at the Virgin Valley High School. Our schedule can be found on our website: [www.mesquitedesertdogs.com](http://www.mesquitedesertdogs.com).

We invite anyone and everyone who loves a great game of basketball to join us at our next home game.

The players are talented and we thrive to put on a great game for everyone to enjoy. We will be playing the San Diego Waves on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Virgin Valley High School, tip-off is 7:00 pm.

On that same day, there will be a BBQ held at the high school, outside the gym from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, this BBQ is free to the public. We hope to see you soon.

**Sincerely,  
Head Coach Carnel Wiley Jr.**

## Nevada still has a role to play in nuclear deterrence

After learning this past week that the Department of Energy had secretly shipped a thousand pounds of weapons-grade plutonium to the Nevada National Security Site in Nye County before the state had filed a federal lawsuit in November seeking to block such shipments, Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak and the state's entire Democratic delegation to D.C. flew into paroxysms of apoplexy, accusing the Trump administration of deception and dealing unfairly with the state.

Sisolak put out a statement declaring, "I am beyond outraged by this completely unacceptable deception from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Department led the State of Nevada to believe that they were engaging in good-faith negotiations with us regarding a potential shipment of weapons-grade plutonium, only to reveal that those negotiations were a sham all along. They lied to the State of Nevada, misled a federal court, and jeopardized the safety of Nevada's families and environment."

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto was similarly indignant, charging that the Energy Department had "negotiated in bad faith, hiding the timing of their shipment and refused to share crucial information with Members of Congress who had the security clearance to know."

Rep. Dina Titus said, "Time and again, we have seen Trump Administration officials treat Nevada as the dumping ground for the nation's nuclear waste."

Sen. Jacky Rosen called the shipment "deceitful and unethical" and said "the lack of transparency from the Department of Energy is absolutely unacceptable."

Rep. Susie Lee decried, "Nevada officials were deceived by sham 'negotiations' while the safety of millions was jeopardized, as was the environment and economy of dozens of states. Nevada is not the nation's nuclear dumping ground. Period."

Rep. Steven Horsford, whose district includes what most Nevadans still call the Test Site, also bemoaned, "Our state is not a dumping ground for the nation's hazardous waste, and we have no intention of letting it become one."

The Energy Department responded with its own statement, saying it was inaccurate to state that the Nevada delegation was not informed and the agency made efforts to ensure members of Congress and state officials representing the states involved were notified as early as August 2018.

The agency also said, "It is also inaccurate to characterize this material as 'waste'. This material is essential for maintenance of the U.S. weapons stock-



**THOMAS MITCHELL**  
COMMENTARY

pile, and is handled with the highest standards for safety and security. NNSA routinely ships this type of material between its sites as part of our national security missions and has done so safely and securely for decades."

Of course the shipment was secret. No one wants to give potential terrorists an itinerary. As for deceiving the court, the shipment had already been sent when the state's suit was filed and the court was told this past week when the information was declassified.

What does anyone think the test site is used for in the first place? Since the Cold War it literally has been ground zero for nuclear tests and development of our nuclear deterrence. It is remote and secure.

Speaking of deterrence, the ruckus over the plutonium shipment came mere days before Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the U.S. is pulling out of a nuclear arms control pact with Russia because of its ongoing and flagrant violations.

"When an agreement is so brazenly disregarded and our security is so openly threatened, we must respond," Pompeo said. "Russia has jeopardized the United States' security interests and we can no longer be restricted by the treaty while Russia shamelessly violates it."

This means the U.S. will need to catch up with its potential adversaries, Russia and China, both of which have deployed long-range, nuclear-tipped missiles. That means maintaining and, yes, even adding to our nuclear arsenal.

The very reason the plutonium was shipped to Nevada was because a federal court had ordered it removed from the Savannah River facility in South Carolina because the government had failed to build a facility to convert the plutonium into nuclear reactor fuel. It is being stored here until it can be shipped to Los Alamos, N.M., where it can be processed for weapons with which to defend our country.

That is the role the test site has fulfilled for decades and needs to continue to do, despite the histrionics from Democratic politicians.

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# Blotter

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**Controlled substance problem:** Detectives responded to a store reference a suspicious couple. An adult female was arrested for various drug related charges.

**Trespassing:** Officer responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino for a report of a trespass violator. One male subject was taken into custody for violation of trespass.

**Traffic stop:** An adult male was stopped for traffic violations. A search of the vehicle produced illegal possession of prescription narcotics.

**Phone harassment:** Officer completed a harassment report.

**Wanted person:** Officers located a male known to have an active warrant. The male was located in a business and arrested on the active warrant.

## JAN. 31

**Theft:** Officers took a report of thefts that occurred at West Mesquite Boulevard business.

**Theft:** Officers were dispatched to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino, in reference to a theft. An adult male subject was cited and released for trespassing.

**Burglary:** Police took a report for a residential burglary on Adobe Drive.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Officer responded to a report of an accident. Officer completed an accident report.

**Fraud:** Officer responded to the lobby of the police department for a report of fraud. Officer took the fraud report and investigation is ongoing.

**Traffic accident w/ damage:** Officers responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision with property damage. A report was completed and the at fault driver was issued a citation.

**Burglary:** Officers responded to a Tucson Street residence reference a residential burglary. A firearm was stolen from the home and the investigation is ongoing.

**Stolen property:** Officers took a report of a stolen firearm. One male adult was arrested for grand larceny of a firearm, possession of stolen property, harassment, possession

of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Theft:** A male adult grabbed another patron's chips at an East Pioneer Boulevard casino. The patron signed a citation against the male adult for petit larceny. The male was read the trespass warning. The male left property without further incident.

## FEB. 1

**Trespassing:** Officer responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino parking lot for a report of a trespass violator. One male subject was taken into custody for trespass violation.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Dispatched to private property non-injury accident. Prior to arrival, RP called back and advised drivers had exchanged information and the PD could disregard.

**Found property:** Police booked found property into the Mesquite Detention Center evidence vault.

**Animal bite:** Officer responded to the hospital for a report of a male subject injured in a dog bite. Report was taken and forwarded to Animal Control.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Officer completed a non-injury traffic accident report.

**Burglary:** An officer completed a report of a burglary from a motor vehicle on Adobe Drive. The investigation is ongoing.

**Trespassing:** Officers responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino in reference to a trespass violator. One adult male was cited and released for trespassing.

**Domestic violence:** Officers responded to a residence in reference to a domestic disturbance. One female adult was cited and released, for domestic battery (1st offense) due to medical conditions. On male adult was arrested for domestic battery (1st offense).

## FEB. 2

**Domestic violence:** Officers responded to an East Pioneer Boulevard casino reference a domestic battery. One adult female was arrested for domestic battery.

**Traffic accident w/o injury:** Officer responded to a two-vehicle accident at the south roundabout. There were no injuries and both vehicles sustained damage. Driver information was exchange with one driver cited.

# Arrest

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Failure to maintain travel lane

**Lambert, Jeffrey D**  
St. George, UT  
1/31/19  
Trespassing

**Lyman, Chad K**  
Orem, UT  
1/31/19  
Petit larceny

**Martinez, Francisco**  
Wheaton, IL  
1/30/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Merill, Brian C**  
Santa Clara, UT  
2/1/19  
Trespassing

**Orozco, Juan A**  
Mesquite  
1/30/19  
Possession of controlled substance  
NRS needs to be en-

tered  
Failure to maintain travel lane  
Basic speed  
No driver's license in possession  
Hit and run attended vehicle  
Possession of firearm/ex-felon

**Presser, Alexis E**  
Las Vegas  
1/29/19  
Minor in gambling

**Pudney, Anna R**  
Mesquite  
1/30/19  
Failure to appear

**Raphealito, Jerdarius D**  
Cedar City, UT  
1/31/19  
Jail housing agreement

**Ratliff, Paul L**  
St. George, UT  
1/30/19  
Trespassing

**Ruiz-Perez, Isaac**

Las Vegas  
2/1/19  
Failure to appear

**Sanchez, Alan F**  
St. George, UT  
2/2/19  
Failure to appear

**Thompson, Armon-do M**  
Page, AZ  
1/31/19  
DUI

**Treft, Daniel S**  
Bountiful, UT  
1/29/19  
Failure to appear  
Possession of drug paraphernalia

**Valdez, Jesse E**  
Mesquite  
2/1/19  
Failure to appear

**Webb, Bryan K**  
Midway, UT  
1/27/19  
Injury to property of another

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**1,709 Sq. Ft.**

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## WRESTLING

# Nine Bulldogs qualify for state meet

By Bob Snell  
MLN

The Virgin Valley High wrestling squad finished second to Boulder City in the 3A South Regional tournament last Saturday, Feb. 2, at Moapa Valley High School in Overton.

Despite placing second for the team title, the Bulldogs did qualify nine wrestlers for the 3A State tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb.

8-9, at the Winnemucca Events Center in Northern Nevada.

Ethan Woods at 106 pounds, Rudy Cannon (113), Vincente Pinto (120) and Austin Workman (126) captured regional championships for the Bulldogs while Ethan Workman (113) and Case Crandall (138) were runner-ups. VVHS also had two third-place finishers – Gage Woods (132) and Wyatt Hillius (285) – along with a fourth-place finisher, Nate Abbott (182).

The nine wrestlers helped Virgin Val-

ley score 204 points in the regional meet that was just short of Boulder City's winning 213 points. Pahrump Valley placed third with 150 points.

Ethan Woods pinned Ernesto Figueras of Western at 1:59 to win the 106-pound title while Cannon pinned fellow Bulldog Ethan Workman at 52 seconds in the 113-pound championship match.

Pinto pinned Dylan Briones of Chaparral at 2:35 in the 120-pound title match while Austin Workman won by decision, 3-2, over Kevin

Jaimes of Western for the 126-pound title.

Crandall came up short in the 138-pound championship match, losing 10-8 in overtime to Marc Gonzalez of Chaparral.

Gage Woods pinned Jalen Williams of Chaparral at 1:58 in the 132 third-place match, while Hillius pinned Mike Kapposta of Boulder City at 1:59 of the 285 third-place match. Abbott lost 9-5 to Andre McGruder of Valley in the third-place match at 182.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



Virgin Valley's Areli Ponce battles for the tip in an earlier game with Sunrise Mountain Miners. Ponce had 11 points in the Dawgs loss at Boulder City.

Lou Martin

## Lady Dogs defeat Cowboys, lose to Eagles

By Lou Martin  
MLN

The Virgin Valley High girls basketball team broke even this week, defeating Chaparral, 55-49, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, and falling 47-41 at Boulder City on Friday Feb. 1. The Dawgs record stayed at .500, 3-3 in 3A Sunrise League play.

Lady Dog Alexis Boatright continued her strong play this season with 17 points leading the Bulldogs over the Cowboys. The Dawgs fell behind

18-12 in the first period but rallied in the second to tie the game 27-27. The teams battled evenly in the third period with the score at 38-38.

The Lady Dogs upped their defensive pressure outscoring the Cowboys down the stretch, 17-11, for the win. Point guard Nathalie Lagamayo added 13 points for the Bulldogs.

It was a game of hit and miss for the Lady Dogs in their game with the Boulder City Eagles Friday night. The Bulldogs raced out to a 16-8 advantage after one period but fell into

a slump midgame allowing the Eagles to outscore them 34-12 in the mid periods to fall behind 42-28. The Bulldogs rally in the fourth period fell short as they lost 47-41.

Areli Ponce and Boatright led the Bulldogs with 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Lady dogs traveled to Sunrise Mountain on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and will host Moapa Valley on Friday evening. The Bulldogs need to sweep both games to keep their playoff hopes alive.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Bulldog woes continue, lose to Cowboys, Eagles

By Lou Martin  
MLN

After going 2-0 the previous week, the Virgin Valley High boys basketball team lost at Chaparral, 60-34, and Boulder City, 63-46, to end the week.

The Bulldogs offense sputtered in the first half at Chaparral as they managed only 8 points to fall behind 32-8. The Bulldogs battled evenly in the third period but still trailed 51-26. The final period was a little sloppy on both sides of the ball making the final score 60-34. Daxon Toone led the Dawgs with 13 points.

Despite losing at Boulder City, the Bulldogs came out strong against the first-place Eagles. The Dawgs led 16-15 after one period and tied 28-28 at the break.

The last two periods were in a different story as the Dawgs were outscored 17-9 and 18-9 in the final two periods. Will Barnum led the Dawgs with 15 points followed by Braden Bingham with 9 points.

The Dawgs hope to sweep the Sunrise Mountain Miners in their home and away series as they traveled to Las Vegas on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The Bulldogs beat the Miners earlier this season at home, 52-46.

The Bulldogs host Moapa Valley on Friday, Feb. 8, with revenge on their mind as they lost at Moapa, 60-46, in their first league game of the season.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

## CHMS girls defeat Sedway; boys fall

The Charles A. Hughes Middle School girls basketball team bounced back from a disappointing loss to rival Mack Lyon Middle School by defeating Sedway Middle School, 38-14, Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Hawks Nest.

Meanwhile, the CHMS boys fell at home to Sedway, 56-33.

The Lady Hawks jumped out quickly and led 12-4 after one quarter of play against the Lady Ravens. CHMS increased its lead to 26-13 after three periods and then put the game away in the final six minutes with a 12-1 run.

The win improved the Lady Hawks to 4-2 at the halfway point of Northwest Division II play and upped their overall mark to 6-2.

Brooklyn Montoya led the Lady Hawks in scoring with 14 points while Riley Price added 10. Ana Tausinga chipped in with nine points while Reggi Frei had four and Destiny Moeai one point.

In the boys contest, the Hawks got off to a slow start and trailed 9-3 after one period and 25-17 at halftime.

The Ravens slowly pulled away in the second half and held a 42-28 advantage heading into the final six minutes of play.

The loss dropped the Hawks to 1-5 in league play and 2-6 overall.

Stratton Waite had a strong game for the Hawks scoring 18 points. Matt Hughes added seven points with Tanner Thomas getting five, Isiah Frieling two and Reece Leavitt one point.

Both CHMS teams will be on the road Monday, Feb. 11, at Swainston Middle School in North Las Vegas. The girls will play at 4 p.m. followed by the boys at 5:15. CHMS will host Saville Middle School on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Hawks Nest with the girls contest tipping off at 4:30 p.m. followed by the boys at 5:45.

## PRO BASKETBALL



Lou Martin

Desert Dog Darius Stewart pushes the offense up court during the Dogs win over San Diego. Stewart had his best game of the season with 20 points and 16 rebounds.

## Desert Dogs finish home stand with victory

By Lou Martin  
MLN

The Mesquite Desert Dogs continued to feast in front of their home crowd Wednesday, Jan. 30, defeating the San Diego Wave 115-107. Six Dogs went double figures for the game to make up for the lack of offense from their leading scorer Tyrone Criswell. Brandon Mitchell led the Dogs offensive output with 29 points followed by 23 points from Don Muepo and 20 points from Dar-

ius Stewart. Steven Maxwell added 13 points, Dushone Brown 12 points and point guard Jonathon Lloyd finished with 10 points.

Stewart led the Dogs with 16 rebounds followed by Muepo with 14. The Dogs fell back early in the game trailing 51-48 after one half of play. The Dogs continued to stay with the Wave taking a one point lead 81-80 going into the fourth period. The Dogs stretched their lead after one half of the fourth and finished with a

flourish 115-107. Montigo Alford and Bernard Edwards led the Wave with 23 and 22 points respectively.

The Dogs dominated points on turnovers 25-15 and points in the paint 70-32 to insure the win. The Mesquite squad will test their mettle going on the road for the next five games traveling to San Diego, before three games against Albany, Jamestown and New York.

The Dogs will return on Feb. 13 for a six-game home stand.

# YOUR SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>45/28</b>	<b>50/31</b>	<b>55/34</b>	<b>58/37</b>	<b>53/30</b>	<b>51/29</b>	<b>56/38</b>

## OBITUARIES

### WAYNE JOHN GRIFFITH

Wayne John Griffith, 61, died January 9, 2019, at Dixie Regional Medical Center in Saint George, Utah. He was born on September 28, 1957, in Brisbane, Australia, to Kevin Griffith and Leila Jean Maguire. Wayne married Carol Ann Harris on September 25, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nevada.



From the age of 15, Wayne worked in the timber industry, beginning as a

pay master's assistant at a timber yard in Brisbane. Throughout his career, he worked in multiple aspects of the timber trade, from managing a timber yard in Cairns, Australia through attaining a degree in forestry at Brisbane's Kangaroo Point Technical College and eventually serving as the customer service representative and technical expert for BR 111 Exports, a wood flooring company that specializes in Brazilian hard wood flooring. Wayne did take a break from the timber business for a few years in his early 20's to work as a commercial

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## MISSIONS

### EDWARD JARED PONCE

Elder Edward Jared Ponce will serve a 24 month mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He will serve in the El Salvador, San Salvador West/Belize Mission, Spanish speaking.

He will report to the Guatemala Missionary Training Center on Feb. 13. Edward is the son of Ruth and Edward Ponce of the Virgin Valley Spanish Branch.

Elder Ponce will speak on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Bunkerville Chapel.



### KARI WAKEFIELD

Sister Kari Wakefield has been called to serve an 18 month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will serve in the Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission, Spanish speaking.

Kari is the daughter of Travis and Richelle Wakefield of the Mesquite 5th Ward. She will report to the Missionary Training Center Feb. 12.

Sister Kari Wakefield will speak Sunday, Feb. 10 at noon in the Whipple Chapel located 121 Elwin Whipple Way.



## SENIOR CENTER MENU

**Thursday, Feb. 7:** Chicken parmesan, California vegetables, orange spinach salad, toasted bread stick, fruit cocktail

**Friday, Feb. 8:** Parmesan tilapia, rice pilaf, baby carrots, cauliflower, peaches

**Monday, Feb. 11:** Breaded chicken breast, Hassel back potatoes, broccoli &

cauliflower, peas & carrots, pineapple

**Tuesday, Feb. 12:** Beef enchiladas, salad w/French dressing, zucchini & tomato salad, fruit cocktail

**Wednesday, Feb. 13:** BBQ Pork ribs, scalloped potatoes, greens, WW bread, spiced apple sauce

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# CALENDAR

The **13th Annual Mesquite Western Roundup** featuring cowboy music and poetry is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 1 and 7 p.m., then again on Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 North Yucca St.

The event will include pre-show entertainment by the local musical group Strings 'n' Things. Jeff Hoyt will return as the Master of Ceremonies.

Carol Markstrom, Western Female Vocalist of the Year for both 2015 and 2017, will perform traditional western music and song.

Cowboy poets from Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming will be performing some of the old favorites as well as some of their own works. Farrel Bott, Lee Kimberlin, Jim Parsons, Hap Stuart, Russ Westwood, and Brice Wilson will deliver poetry steeped in the American West.

This event is presented by the Mesquite Arts Council and the Mesquite Cowboy Poets Group. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person, general admission. They are available at the Mesquite Community Theatre Box Office and the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery.

They may also be purchased online anytime at [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com). For additional formation visit our website [mesquitewesternpoetry.com](http://mesquitewesternpoetry.com) or contact Russ Westwood at 385-241-1123.

Remember to send all your event notices to [terin.bbm@gmail.com](mailto:terin.bbm@gmail.com) so folks know what's going on with your group, club or activity.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 7

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### Mesquite Western Roundup

Where: Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St.

When: 1 & 7 p.m.

Info: [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com)

### Kids Steam

Where: Mesquite Library, 160 W. First North St.

When: 4 p.m.

Info: 702-346-5224

## FRIDAY, FEB. 8

### Mesquite Western Roundup

Where: Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St.

When: 1 p.m.

Info: [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com)

### Teen Scene

Where: Mesquite Library 160 W. First North St.

When: 3:30 p.m.

Info: 702-346-5224

## MONDAY, FEB. 11

### Bereavement Group

Where: Mesquite Library 160 W. First North St.

When: 5-6:30 p.m.

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## TUESDAY, FEB. 12

### Brown Bag Lecture

Where: Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

When: noon-1 p.m.

Info: 702-346-1338

### City Council Meeting

Where: City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd.

When: 5-7 p.m.

Info: [www.mesquitenv.gov](http://www.mesquitenv.gov)

### Rotary Club

Where: Holiday Inn, 1030 W. Pioneer Blvd.

When: noon

Info: 702-346-7025

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

### Mesquite Republican Women Meeting

Where: Veteran's Center, 840 Hafén Lane

When: 5:30-7 p.m.

Info: 702-346-3804

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**Feb. 8, 1915:** Samuel Wittwer was called home on account of the death of his granddaughter, Verda Tobler, at Washington (Utah)

**Feb. 8, 1915:** Work is being done on the automobile road.

**Feb. 10, 1916, Washington UT:** John Kinny, Chas Seegmiller Jr. and C.R. Sullivan came in Monday from Mesquite where they have been looking after cattle. They have sold their cows to Los Angeles parties and have the rest of their cattle on the range which is stated to be very good. Mr. Sullivan says the people of Bunkerville and Mesquite are enthusiastic over the All the year Route and that every team (horse teams) of these places are working on the road.

**Feb. 13, 1915:** The bee keepers of the state have organized and will cooperate for mutual benefit. Joseph I. Earl of Bunkerville, is president.

**Feb. 13, 1915:** C.M. Peterson and Joe Keate of Moapa were in town (Bunkerville) Wednesday night in search of the men that robbed TW Sloan's store the week before, but no men to be found of that kind.

**Feb. 13, 1915:** Word comes from Bunkerville of the death of Mrs. Harmon Wittwer, who was terribly burned about three weeks ago. Death has brought merciful relief from her suffering. She leaves behind a husband and five children, many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.




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# Obits

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fisherman on the scallop boats berthed in Saint Helens, Tasmania.

Wayne was quite devoted to his family and friends. His quick wit and self-deprecating humor charmed those around him. He typically spread laughter and smiles wherever he went. His natural charm and appreciation of life's absurdities endeared him to many throughout the years. Wayne was a loyal friend and an avid punter. He loved betting on the Australian horse races, whether it be the Grafton Cup, the Melbourne Cup, racing at Eagle Farm in Brisbane, his home race track, or at "The Bool", a race track in Warrnambool, Victoria. He enjoyed cooking for family and friends, growing vegetables and herbs in the back yard, a good yarn, and watching the sun set over the Pacific Ocean in Australia and the Virgin Mountains in Mesquite. His kindness and humor made a lasting impression on so many.

Wayne loved well and continues to be well loved. His ready smile and "G'day mate!" greeting are sorely missed.

Wayne is survived by his wife and best friend of 18 years, Carol Harris of Mesquite, Nevada, his sisters Patricia Griffith and Lynn Griffith of Brisbane, Australia, his mother-in-law Josephine Harris of Silver Spring, MD, his sister-in-law Sheila Harris, Silver Spring, MD, his brothers-in-law Bill Harris of Columbia, MD, and Mark Harris (Lisa) of Frederick, MD, and his nephews Anthony Harris (Stephanie) of Hudson, FLA, William Harris of Columbia, MD and Michael Harris of Frederick, MD, as well as close friends in Australia, England and the United States. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and his father in law, William J. Harris. Rest in peace, my love.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the following groups for their continued care and support:

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### RALPH REICHEL BAESSLER

Ralph Reichelt Baessler, 84, passed away on January 28, 2019 in Mesquite, NV. Ralph was born on July 1, 1934 in Salt Lake City, UT to Eric R. Baessler and Elizabeth Reichelt. He married Sandra Morgan, in Las Vegas, NV on December 23, 1995.

Ralph was employed by Glade Candy Company, in Salt Lake City, UT as a salesman for 25 years, he then went to work for Burton Lumber in St. George, UT, and then retired. Ralph and Sandra moved to Mesquite to enjoy the casinos and gambling together. He also enjoyed watching all sports and staying at home. He served in the U. S. Navy for eight years and was a proud veteran. Most of all, he loved spending time with his great-grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife; Sandra Baessler, his daughter; Nikole Baessler, his step-son; Mark Ferre; brother; Carl, his three grandchildren; and his twenty-six great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; Eric and Elizabeth Baessler, his two brothers; his sister, and his step-daughter; Kathy Wiseman.



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But then again, Jesus reveals as much in what might be His mission statement: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

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But Jesus didn't come because He was forced. He did so willingly. "I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again." (John 10:18)

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Travis Lauterbach is the pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church located in the Falcon Ridge Business Park in Mesquite.



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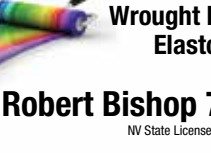
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VIN: 2GTEK63N251190681  
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**1993 Chevrolet S10 Blazer**  
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R/O Santiago Miramontes

**2007 Suzuki XL-7**  
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R/O Lycia Lajoice

**2001 Chevrolet Cavalier**  
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R/O Kelsey Sherrie

**1997 Ford Expedition**  
VIN: 1FMFU18L3VLC22956  
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**2002 Mazda Protege**  
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R/O Maria Cruz Peralta

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**2001 Ford Taurus**  
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## Mesquite's Trimming joins U.S. development team

The FC Scorpions are proud to announce that one of their own, 13-year old Zachary Trimming, has been invited to be on the United States Youth Soccer Development Team; he will compete against top teams in Ireland and Scotland.

Trimming is a local player and plays for FC Mesquite Club soccer, located in Mesquite.

After recently competing on a Utah Youth Soccer ODP Team in the regional championships in Arizona, Trimming was subsequently invited to join the USYSODT and travel abroad.

Trimming was one of 18 players our of hundreds in the western states selected to participate in the international games

and training April 5-14.

The FC Mesquite Scorpions are having a raffle to assist Trimming with covering his travel expenses. They are selling tickets for a raffle that will take place at the soccer complex on Saturday March 2. They will be raffling a Nike Lionel Messi Jersey, Nike USA Women's Christen Press Jersey and a Nike Ordem Premier League Match Ball. Winner will be able to select size.

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