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Deep Roots Harvest recently celebrated its six-year anniversary in Mesquite, with plans for a multi-million dollar cultivation expansion. In the photo, Mitch Jones, flower room supervisor, inspects the product in the Mesquite plant.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST UNDER WAY

The holidays are just around the corner! Show your holiday spirit by participating in our holiday decorating contest! Registration is open to both residential housing and commercial businesses!

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### MESQUITE FARMER'S MARKET KICKS OFF DEC. 21

The Mesquite Department of Athletics and Leisure Services will be hosting the first of many farmers' market for the year 2023,

The first is scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Mesquite Welcome Center, 461 Sandhill Blvd. Times are 2-6 p.m.

Everything will be locally grown, locally owned or locally crafted. There will be fresh food, food trucks, crafts and handmade products.

The Mesquite Farmers' Market will host a market on every first and third Friday of each month (schedule to come).

They will also be selling grab bags that will include a variety of fresh goods. Contact cally\_cole@hotmail.com for vendor inquiries.

### GET READY TO RUN IN JINGLE BELL DASH

The Jingle Bell Dash 5K and Fun Run is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. The run will start and finish at the west fields of the Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road.

Race day registration is available. Cost is \$30 for the 5K (\$20 for students). Cost for the fun run is \$20.

The top three finishers in each di-

vision will receive a medal.

A large portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Mesquite Desert Stars.

### ANNUAL ELKS HOOP SHOOT SLATED FOR DEC. 10

The Department of Athletics & Leisure Services and the Local Elks Lodge 2811 announce the annual hoop shoot is scheduled Dec. 10 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Mesquite Recreation Center.

Area youth ages 8-13 can show their free-throw talents at the local event.

Boys and girls participate in separate contest/divisions and three age categories in each division: ages 8-9; ages 10-11, and ages 12-13. Local winners of each division and age category can advance through district, state, regional and national

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## Mesquite City Council takes on new look with 3 new members

*Mesquite Monthly*

There are three new members to the Mesquite City Council after all the votes were tabulated from the Nov. 8 election

The race for Seat 3 was always going to have a new council member as George Gault decided not to seek re-election. In this race, Pattie Gallo had a 2,069 vote advantage over Joey Bowler. Gallo has 5,791 (60.87 percent), while Bowler garnered 3,722 (38.75) votes.

In the race for Seat 1, challenger Karen Fielding had a 2,202 vote advantage over incumbent Sandra Ramaker. Fielding has 5,856 (61.62 percent) votes, compared to Ramaker's 3,648 (39.13 percent).

Paul Wanlass won Seat 4 with a 817-vote advantage over incumbent Karen Dutkowski. Wanlass has 5,152

(54.31 percent) votes while Dutkowski has 4,335 (45.69) votes.

In the primary election in June, Dutkowski was the top vote-getter among the four candidates for Seat 4, but didn't reach the 50 percent threshold to avoid the general election.

In the race for Overton Power District 5, Seat 1 in Overton, incumbent Richard Jones had a 196-vote advantage over challenger Joseph Davis. Jones had 700 (58.14 percent) votes, compared to Davis' 504 (41.86) votes.

In U.S. House of Representatives District 4, which includes Mesquite, incumbent Democrat Stephen Horsford won by 10,747 over challenger Sam Peters. Horsford has 116,617 (52.42 percent) votes while Peters has 105,870 (47.57 percent).

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competitions. All contestants must wear gym shoes and gym clothes (t-shirt with pants or gym shorts) to compete. Parent must accompany the child. A copy of the child's birth certificate will be required at registration. Registration forms can be obtained in advance at the Mesquite Recreation Center, you can also register the day of the event.

For more information on this and other programs please contact the Department of Athletics & Leisure Services at (702) 346-8732.

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## FROM THE MAYOR

# Year ends with a lot of progress, but still more to come in 2023

By Al Litman

2022 is coming to an end. What a year it's been! Elections are over, finally! We have three new city council members, and recently added a new city manager. Mesquite saw many changes in the past year with the start of a number of projects to improve our beautiful city.



Our new pickle ball courts are getting rave reviews. We have a new off-road vehicle staging area, and our sports and events complex has received new turf. More improvements are scheduled for both facilities later in the coming year.

Mesquite has been working hard towards obtaining affordable housing for its needed workforce.

We have approved hundreds of new units, and have rejected many, which I'll address later. Hafen Village, a very affordable housing project has broken ground next to the Mesquite Veterans Center thanks to the hard work of the Nevada rural Housing Authority.

It will be first class, but affordable with 96 units. Sam Lee is building affordable units in the center of Mesquite which should be completed later in the spring.

So what's happened to the many other that we approved? I believe that the rapidly rising costs of building materials and interest rates have caused many builders to hesitate for the time

being.

Hopefully, they will get started soon. We have had several proposed projects fail due to the usual of, "we don't want them near us."

Maybe attitudes will change in the future. Several other rather large housing projects have recently come before council, but have been sent back to the developers for very good reasons.

Parking and being too close to other developments are the reasons, but I believe that the developers can overcome these issues if they want to. We need to make sure that developments do not adversely affect those around them if possible.

On the commercial level, we are moving in leaps and bounds.

Crown Cork and Seal, one of the largest manufacturers in the world of cans and packaging products is moving quickly to be open in 2023.

Other smaller companies are feeling the ever-rising costs of building and may be on hold for awhile, but Nevada Bank and Trust is nearing completion as well as Dutch Bros Coffee.

Right around the corner, the old NV motel may be renovated, and, if not, removed.

Down the block, across from city hall, the Heritage Park development is moving dirt, and soon we will have a beautiful park, retail units, and apartments that will further enhance our city. In the center of town,

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and the city of Mesquite, I wish you all the best in the coming year.

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*Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite*



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# Cannabis company cultivating deep local roots

By Kirk Kern

From first look, it wouldn't seem like a retirement community such as Mesquite would be a good place to build a cannabis facility. But now six years into it, Deep Roots Harvest has grown like, well, a weed in Mesquite.

"It was a little bit of happy accident," Chief Operating Officer Jon Marshall said of the company's decision to make their base in Mesquite. "We were looking for a license in Las Vegas, but when we looked at who the players were in that market, it looked like an uphill battle. So the guys started looking at properties adjacent to Las Vegas."

Now Deep Roots Harvest employs about 150 people in Mesquite between the cultivation plant and the retail shop. Now, there are six Deep Roots Harvest dispensaries throughout Nevada and in October the Mesquite shop celebrated its millionth transaction.

The company also recently announced a \$4 million investment in its Mesquite cultivation

plant to update and modernize the facilities.

"We're really excited about the future," Marshall said. "Beverages are fairly new to the market. Seltzers are becoming pretty popular. We do quite a bit of in-house (Research and Development). Different products and formulations."

Some of those products developed are the popular Cheebas taffy, Helix Gummies, Elite Live Resin, Dreamland chocolates and Nordic Goddess topical.

When Deep Roots Harvest opened its first location in Mesquite on Oct. 22, 2016, the state was still in the early days of medical cannabis sales, but its voters were about to legalize cannabis for recreational use the following month with the passage of Question 2 on the 2016 statewide ballot. With the medical dispensary housed alongside the company's cultivation, kitchen and lab facilities, the Mesquite location staked the claim that Nevada's cannabis "doesn't get fresher than right here."

Today, after six successful years that included

opening to recreational sales in 2017, the Deep Roots Harvest Mesquite store is going strong, and can now tout having conducted more than one million transactions as part of its success story.

"There is a joke in the cannabis industry that if you have been in the business for just a few years, it is like a decade in any other industry. By that definition, I am an industry veteran," said Mike Martinez, one of the original employees at the Mesquite location. "It is hard to believe how quickly time flies when you are working to build a business and an entire statewide industry from scratch. It has been an adventure."

Now serving as the Director of Retail for Deep Roots Harvest, Martinez joined the Mesquite cultivation team in the role of trimmer as one of its first employees. Today, the Mesquite retail location alone employs 35 people, and the adjacent cultivation, kitchen and lab facilities employ an additional 120 employees. All told, Deep Roots Harvest now has more than 275 employees statewide.



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# VVAA Card Artist of the Month: Redweik

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Redweik wrote:

When I am asked what kind of artist I am, I respond that I am a doodler. Sometimes I get a puzzling look, then I am asked what is a doodler?

I explain that it is line art that is repeating patterns and allowing your pen to move freely.

I like to say it brings out my inner weirdness. After I give my explanation, people then become very interested.

The art form is also known as tangling or

the trademark name Zentangle. I love doodling because most people have at one time doodled, usually as a kid in school.

Little did they know that they can turn their doodles into art. I have doodled for about 6 years, and it is a relaxing form of art and now I am sharing doodling in a gallery art class.

Some "doodles" actually have symbolic meaning in ancient cultures, such as the spiral which represents the galaxy.

I believe cards are fun because they are little pieces of unique art and each are different.

I also like to experiment with other art forms, such as photography, and some then turn those into cards.

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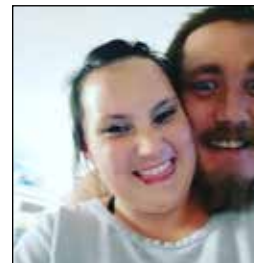
### What's on your Christmas list?



**Jesus to return.**  
— *Doug and Joyce Morgan*

**Peace on earth. That's still a  
thing, right?**

— *Virginia C. Duke*



**Have a really good  
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# Is a donor-advised fund right for you?

By Derrick Martinez

**Y**ou can find many ways to support charitable organizations. One method that's gained popularity over the past few years is called a donor-advised fund. Should you consider it?

The answer depends on your individual situation, because donor-advised funds are not appropriate for everyone. However, if you're in a position to make larger charitable gifts, you might at least want to see what this strategy has to offer.

Here's how it works:

- **Contribute to the fund.** You can contribute to your donor-advised fund with cash or marketable securities, which are assets that can be converted to cash quickly. If your contribution is tax deductible, you'll get the deduction in the year you make the contribution to the fund. Of course, these contributions are still subject to IRS limits on charitable tax deductions and whether you itemize your deductions. If you typically don't give enough each year to itemize and plan on making consistent charitable contributions, you could consider combining multiple years' worth of planned giving into a single donor-advised fund contribution, and claim a larger deduction in that year. This move may be especially impactful if you have years with a higher amount of income, with an accompanying higher tax rate. If you contribute marketable securities, like stocks and bonds, into the fund, a subsequent sale of the securities avoids capital gains taxes, maximizing the impact of



your contribution.

- **Choose an investment.** Typically, donor-advised funds offer several professionally managed diversified portfolios where you can place your contributions. You'll want to consider the level of investment risk to which your fund may be exposed. And assuming all requirements are met, any investment growth is not taxable to you, the donor-advised fund or the charity that ultimately receives the grant, making your charitable gift go even further.

- **Choose the charities.** You can choose grants for the IRS-approved charities that you want to support. You decide when you want the money donated and how it should be granted. You're generally free to choose as many IRS-approved charitable organizations as you like. And the tax reporting is relatively easy — you don't have to keep track of receipts from every charity you support. Instead, you can just keep the receipts from your contributions to the fund.

Although donor-advised funds clearly offer some benefits, there are important trade-offs to consider. For one thing, your contributions are irrevocable, which means once you put the money in the fund, you cannot access it for any reason other than charitable giving. And the investments you choose within your fund will carry some risk, as is true of all investments. Also, donor-advised funds do have investment management fees and other costs. So,

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To have your event listed in this calendar, please email [mesquitemonthly@gmail.com](mailto:mesquitemonthly@gmail.com) or call 775-316-2335.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 8

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN, Room 1. For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**Golf Fore Kids:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Falcon Ridge, Palm, Canyons and Conestoga golf courses. Lunch at Casablanca Resort tent. The annual event is one of the most anticipated in the area with an entry fee of new, unwrapped toys with a minimum value of \$75. Visit [www.golfforekidsnv.org](http://www.golfforekidsnv.org).

**Mesquite Mystery Book Club:** 11 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-507-4080.

**Coloring for Adults:** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Teen Crafternoon:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Teen program operate under the principles of HOMAGO: Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out. Refers to spaces and learning activities that allow for flexible, hands-on experimentation, collaboration and tinkering in areas of professional interest. All supplies provided. Call 702-507-4080.

**STEAM Activities for Kids:** 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Participate each week in fun, hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math activity. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Conversational English Class:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. Mesquite Library Learning Center. Registration is required. Call 702-507-4481 or visit in person at Mesquite Library Learning Center. 15-week class on

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 9

**Blood drive:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. The Red Cross is hosting a blood drive. Schedule an appointment by visiting the Red Cross at <https://www.redcross-blood.org> and search for available dates and times with our Zip Code: 89027 or call Red Cross at 800-733-2767 for assistance.

**Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Mingle and Jingle Holiday Luncheon:** noon - 2 p.m., Casablanca Resort. Mesquite Chamber of Commerce holiday event for chamber members only. Cost is \$45 per person. RSVP by Dec. 2. No walk-ins. Call 702-346-2902

**Bereavement Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

**Mesquite-Toes Jingle Your Way to Christmas:** 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. A holiday extravaganza put on by the Mesquite-Toes. General admission: \$15. Tickets available at the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery and the MCT box office an hour before the show. For details, visit [www.mcctnv.com](http://www.mcctnv.com)

### SATURDAY, DEC. 10

**Get Smart with Art:** 10 - 11:45 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A free class for youths ages 8-14 includes the history and design of quilts. Participants will design a quilt block and see how that design creates others. To register, call 702-346-1338.

**Holiday Family Movie Matinee:** 11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160

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W. 1st. N. St. Come check out a holiday-themed movie from the whole family. Info 702-507-4080.

**Virtual Author Talk Series :** 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Watch a live broadcast as an author discusses their recent book. Free and open to the public. Info 702-507-4080.

**Concert:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Concert features "Dueling Pianos." Call 702-507-4080.

**Mesquite-Toes Jingle Your Way to Christmas:** 1 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. A holiday extravaganza put on by the Mesquite-Toes. General admission: \$15. Tickets available at the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery and the MCT box office an hour before the show. For details, visit [www.mcctnv.com](http://www.mcctnv.com)

## SUNDAY, DEC. 11

**Movie Matinee for adults:** 1-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in for the movie "Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent" at the library. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Conservative Club:** 2:30 p.m., Sun City Pioneer Center. Join like-minded conservative patriots that support the U.S. Constitution and the traditional American way of life. Second Sunday of the month. Doors open at 2:15 p.m.

**Concert on the Plaza:** 3 p.m.,

Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come listen to "Keith and Keltie." Info: 702-507-4080.

## MONDAY, DEC. 12

**Coloring for Adults:** 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Special Family Event:** 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come see "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Info: 702-507-4080.

**Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club:** 6 p.m. Fire Station No. 3. The club meets on the second Monday of each month. For more information, please go to our website at: [www.vvvarc.net](http://www.vvvarc.net)

## TUESDAY, DEC. 13

**Android Phone:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come learn the ins and outs of your Android phone. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to [lindakgault@gmail.com](mailto:lindakgault@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRotary/>.

**Holiday Choir Concert:** 2 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. The Sun City Sounds present a festive choir for the holidays, Info: 702-507-4080.

**City Council meeting:** 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd.

Regular meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

**Conversational English Class:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. Mesquite Library Learning Center. Registration is required. Call 702-507-4481 or visit in person at Mesquite Library Learning Center. 15-week class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Concert:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to the Half Notes. Call 702-507-4080.

**Republican Women's Club Holiday Party:** Doors open at 4:15 p.m., Party starts at 4 p.m., Casa Blanca Resort Showroom. Installation of new officers, along with entertainment by DJ VanDyke tribute artist. \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. Call Sue for tickets at 858-254-1214. Cutoff is Dec. 9.

**Virgin Valley History Series:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. In partnership with the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum, this monthly program explores different historical aspects of the area. Call 702-507-4080.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 15

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN. Room 1.

For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**Blood Drive:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Vitalant is hosting a blood drive to help people in need. Visit [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) and search for times under the zip code 89027.

**Virtual Author Talk Series :** 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Watch a live broadcast as an author discusses their recent book. Free and open to the public. Call 702-507-4080.

**Beginning Apple iPhone:** 3-4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. This class is for anyone that is new to Apple iPhones or just needs a refresher.. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Coloring for Adults:** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Holiday Craft Buffet:** 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Children can make crafts to give as gifts or to decorate for the holidays. Info: 702-507-4080.

**CEAB meeting:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers. Meeting of the Mesquite Community Education Advisory Board.

**Conversational English Class:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. Mesquite Library Learning Center. Registration is required. Call 702-507-4481 or visit in person at Mesquite Library Learning Center.

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# He's been here before

By Pastor David Constien

**W**hen we go through difficult life lessons, especially when

we're younger, it provides some comfort to know that others have been through it. This is why the encouragement and counsel of parents and older siblings is so important in a child's development.

It builds confidence when we learn that others have been through it and came through it successfully and they can impart guidance for us to conquer as well.

For many, this Christmas may be a little different in some ways. But that may not necessarily be a bad thing! There is a lot that Christmas is not about, but what it really is about hasn't changed. We celebrate that God has been here before (and still is with us and will return again).

Whatever our experience in life, God's been there before! And he's conquered! He's done it for you and gives you the victory. And his Word provides a lamp to your feet and the light for your

path (Ps. 119:105) in life.

Christmas brings a celebration of the Incarnation – that God has been here before, he's been in our place! Incarnation is a theological word that simply means that Jesus is God in the flesh.

And while God took into himself human flesh and earthly life, this did not diminish who Jesus was and what he came to do. For in the man Christ Jesus, says the Apostle Paul, "dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). He was in our place not without power to do something about this mess, but he entered our experience and did what we could not! He came, died and rose again, and brought forgiveness, life, hope and salvation!

Hearts are lifted up because we know, oh yes, he's been here before! And he is the Light of the world. May this Christmas bring the light, the peace, and joy of knowing the Savior was born for you.

*Rev. David Constien, Pastor of Mesquite Lutheran Church and Childcare Center. Worship: Advent Midweek Dec. 7, 14 4:00 p.m.; Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.; and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. 450 Turtleback Rd., Mesquite. Visit: [mesquitelutheran.org](http://mesquitelutheran.org) or Facebook: @mesquiteLCC for more information. (702) 346-5811. Mesquite Lutheran Childcare Center: (702) 346-3954.*




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## FRIDAY, DEC. 16

**Ornament and Pine Holiday Floral Design:** 10 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A Christmas floral design workshop using pine and cedar greens, flowers and ornaments. Cost is \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. To register, call 702-346-1338.

**DIY Adult Craft:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. It's an amazing feeling to make something unique and creative, so going for a fun experience. There is a different craft each month and all supplies are included. Attendance is limited, so call or register at the customer service desk. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Bereavement Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 17

**Concert in the Plaza:** 10 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in to listen to Just the Two of Us. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Movie Matinee for adults:** 1-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in for the movie "Dolly Parton's Christmas on the

Square" at the library. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Cricut Club:** 3 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in to learn how to use a Cricut and create a fun project. Info: 702-507-4080.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 18

**Movie Matinee for adults:** 1-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in for the movie "Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square" at the library. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Concert in the Plaza:** 10 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in to listen to Dry Heat. Info: 702-507-4080.

## MONDAY, DEC. 19

**Coloring for Adults:** 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Virgin Valley Artists Association General Meeting:** 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 20

**Internet Basics:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A primer in learning how to navigate the internet. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to lindakgault@gmail.

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**Concert:** 2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. Come listen to "Suite Trio." Info: 702-507-4080.

**Conversational English Class:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. N. Mesquite Library Learning Center. Registration is required. Call 702-507-4481 or visit in person at Mesquite Library Learning Center. 15-week class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 22

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN. Room 1. For more information, contact Deb

Parsley at 702-420-4494.

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## FRIDAY, DEC. 23

**Bereavement Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

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consider the impacts of these fees when deciding how you want to give.

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## SUNDAY, DEC. 25

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## MONDAY, DEC. 26

**Book Bingo:** 1-2 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-507-4080.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 27

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to lindakgault@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRotary/>.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St.

Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**International Cinema (Film Discussion Group):** 2-3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join to discuss (in English) a different film each month. Pick up a copy of the month's selection at the Customer Service Desk. Call 702-507-4080.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 29

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN. Room 1. For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**Book Bingo:** 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-507-4080.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 30

**Bereavement Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 31

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## SUNDAY, JAN. 1

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## MONDAY, JAN. 2

**Coloring for Adults:** 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-507-4080.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 3

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**Android Phone:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come learn the ins and outs of your Android phone. Info: 702-507-4080.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Kids Artsy Craft:** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Unleash your inner artist at Kids' Artsy Craft Club. Ages 5-12. Call 702-507-4080.

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### ACROSS

1. Result of too much pressure
6. Stir-fry pan
9. Steps to the river, in India
13. Hindu sage
14. Attorneys' org.
15. \*Christmas cookies emanation
16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
17. Mourner's wish
18. Mature, as in fruit
19. \*Santa's entryway
21. \*Holiday plum treat
23. Foot the bill
24. Hot alcoholic beverage
25. Not transgender
28. \*Frosty's corn cob
30. Attract
35. Bad luck prediction
37. Indian cuisine staple
39. The whole amount
40. "Keep this information" but-ton
41. \*Coveted letter on a dreidel
43. Dry as dust
44. Opposite of digest
46. Inconclusive
47. Dirty air
48. Diplomat
50. Tallest volcano in Europe
52. Like a fox
53. Lion output
55. Beholder's organ
57. \*Breaking holiday news
61. \*Not coal on Christmas
65. Courtroom excuse
66. Golf coach at a country club
68. Very, in music
69. Make a logical connection (2 words)
70. Promissory letters
71. Pine or long
72. Chows down
73. Hundredweight, acr.
74. Ooze out

### DOWN

1. Nile denizen, for short
2. \*Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
3. \*New Year's Eve option: \_\_\_ Spumante
4. Title-holder
5. Take for ransom

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6. On one's guard
7. \_\_\_-Wan of "Star Wars"
8. K, in Greek
9. \*Rose Bowl field, e.g.
10. Kachina doll maker
11. Answer from the flock
12. Drink for John Glenn
15. Fervent
20. Giving the once-over
22. \*"Mele Kalikimaka" strings
24. More sordid
25. Trig function
26. Insect in adult stage
27. \*Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
29. Sacrifice for gain
31. Eighty-six
32. List components
33. \*Holiday song offering
34. Lament for the dead
36. Scotland's famous loch
38. Eagle's aerie
42. Lid or lip embellishment
45. Go to bed (2 words)
49. \*Yule tradition
51. Pirate's "Yes!"
54. Savory jelly dish
56. English county
57. London art museum
58. Hipbones
59. \*It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
60. Wading bird
61. Displeasure display
62. Biblical birthright seller
63. Backgammon predecessor
64. Prong of a fork
67. Column's partner

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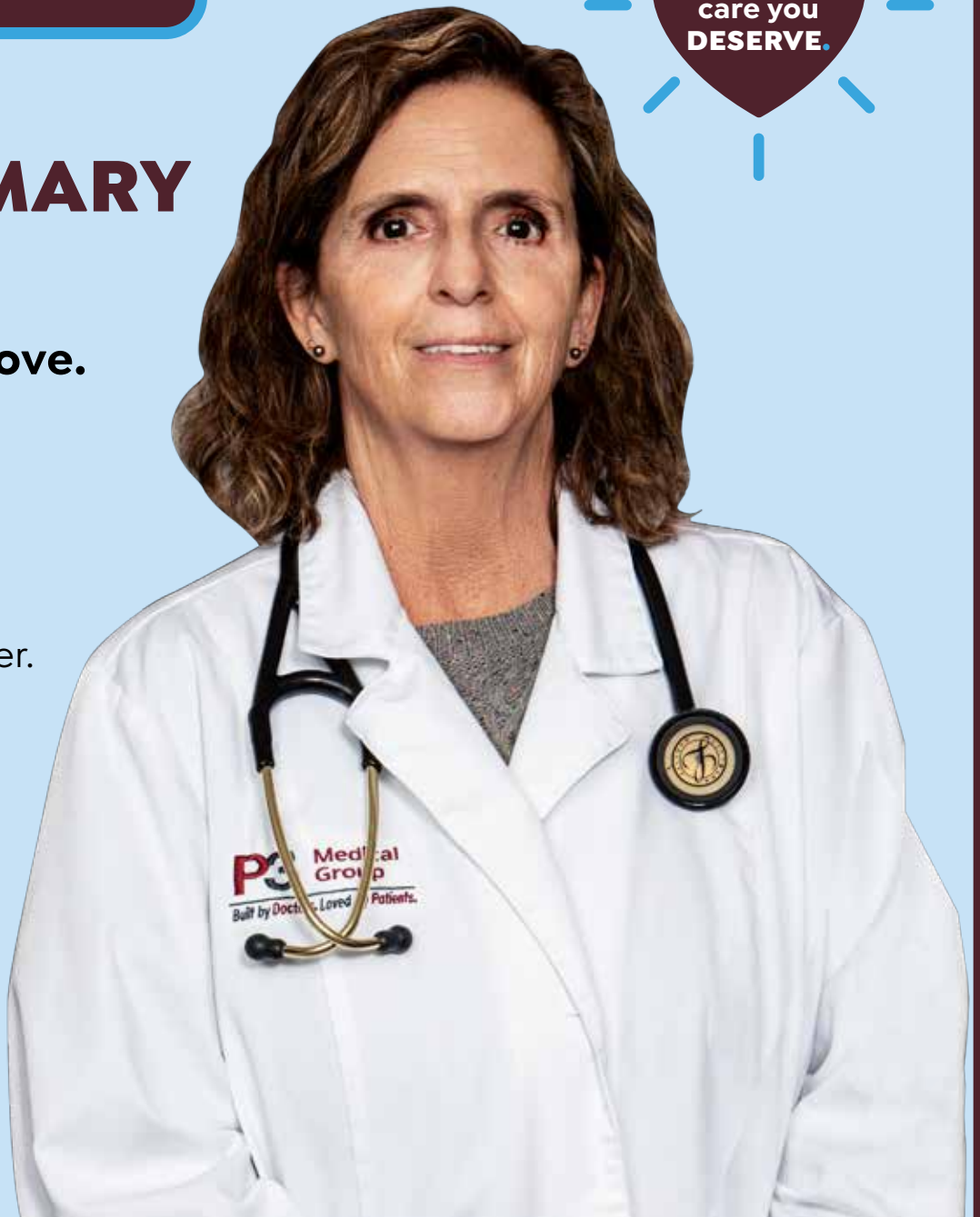


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