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NEWS AND NOTES

ROTARY SCHEDULES MUDD VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER FOR SEPTEMBER

The Mesquite Noon Rotary Club's Annual Mudd Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, behind the Eureka Casino Resort.

Teams of six players may sign-up no later than Aug. 25. Cost per team is \$240. One alternate player may also sign-up for \$40, and each player will receive a Mudd t-shirt.

Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. and the tourney will start at 9 a.m. This event is Rotary of Mesquite's biggest fundraiser with proceeds going to help local charities and various projects in the Virgin Valley.

The Mesquite Rotary Foundation supports various local projects and programs, such as sending students to Rotary District RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), TLC (Teen Leadership Center), Salvation

Army, Virgin Valley Food Bank, new Steam Center, student scholarships, and so much more.

For more information, call 307-760-9544 or 503-789-5057.

RECREATION CENTER TO CLOSE FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

The Mesquite Recreation Center will be closed for annual maintenance, repairs, cleaning and special project work, Aug. 26 - Sept. 5, and will not be available for public use.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause, these scheduled maintenance activities are essential and necessary to maintain a quality, clean and safe facility for our patrons," said Zach Robison, recreation manager.

The Recreation Center will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 5 a.m.

Some areas of the facilities may take longer for cure times including the gym floors and dance room for

new surfacing that will be put down.

Online registration will be available for most of programs. Some classes will be offered at the Deuce facility for adult and youth programs. The Outdoor Pool will be open to the public, hours of operation on Labor Day weekend, Free to the public on the following days.

OUTDOOR POOL WEEKEND HOURS:

Saturday, Aug. 26 - noon - 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27 - Closed

Saturday, Sept. 2 - noon - 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3 - Closed

Monday, Sept. 4 - noon - 6 p.m.

Please enter at the back pool gate as the Recreation Center is closed on these days.)

For more information about this event and other programs please download the app, it's available for

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YOUTH CHEER PROGRAM BEGINS AUG. 22

The 12-week Prime Cheer program, with coach Reina Vallejo, will run from Aug. 22 through Nov. 18 with classes scheduled for those ages 3-5 through fifth grade.

Tuesday classes will run from 4-5 p.m. for kindergarten through first grade students and from 5:15-6:15 p.m., for second and third graders.

On Wednesdays, a class from 4-5 p.m. is scheduled for ages 3-5 and a class from 5:15-6:15 p.m. for kids in grades four and five.

Cost is \$50 to \$55 per month.

Prime Cheer is intended for individuals interesting to learn introductory cheerleading knowledge and skills. Program classes will include motions and cheer, jump instruction

and training and an introduction to tumbling and stunting.

Required cheer uniform fee includes Prime Cheer t-shirt, shorts, bow, pom-poms, and recital entry.

Submit \$45 payment directly to Coach Vallejo. All participants will work with and be under the instruction of Vallejo and her coaching staff.

For details, email primecheer@gmail.com. Classes will take place at the Jimmie Hughes Campus, 150 N Yucca St. Suite #2

The program concludes with Cheer Recital.

HERITAGE MUSEUM CLOSED FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

The City of Mesquite's Virgin Valley Heritage Museum will be closed for annual maintenance, repairs, cleaning and special project work, Aug. 26 - Sept. 5, and will not be available for public use.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause," said Elspeth Kuta, museum coordinator. "These

scheduled maintenance activities are essential and necessary to maintain a quality, clean and safe facility for our patrons."

The City of Mesquite's Virgin Valley Heritage Museum will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m.

For more information about this event and other programs please download the app, it's available for iOS or Android devices at <http://tour.mesquitenv.gov/>. Download it today and discover more of Mesquite.

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL SIGNUPS UNDERWAY

The deadline to sign up for youth flag football fall season is Aug. 25.

The league will run from Sept. 19 through Oct. 19 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Recreation Center West Fields.

Game times are TBD.

Age division are 4-5 year olds, 6-8 and 9-11. Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members and includes a t-shirt.

To register, visit the website www.mesquitenv.activitiesreg.com or visit the recreation center at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

For more information, call 702-346-8732.

MESQUITE PD HONORS OFFICER

The Mesquite Police Department recently awarded Officer Campos with the Best of the Badge for June.

Campos recently stepped up as a leader in MPD's Honor Guard. He strongly believes in the values that the Honor Guard represents and works tirelessly to ensure that this distinguished group embodies the utmost professionalism of our department.

They were asked to participate in several events throughout June, and he coordinated all the practice sessions and event scheduling for his fellow Honor Guard members.

Campos also made several impressive arrests, including one for a stabbing incident.



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FROM THE MAYOR

Scams: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

By Al Litman

As long as there have been people around, there have probably been scams to deprive someone out of something. It can be money, property, or identity, and it's just getting worse.

I still have a landline at home. Don't ask me why? It's not my idea. Toss in the computer, smart phone and the I-Pad, and the scams never seem to end. Being a senior only makes it worse as we seem to be the target of the majority of scam attempts.

I just read a very important article in the Atlantic Monthly on how serious this problem is. I know many of you have heard about many of these scams, but I want to comment on some of these anyway.

It might keep you from falling for what so many do. I looked up some numbers and it will astound you as to how much money is lost yearly to scammers.

Last year it was reported at \$2.9 billion. I would guess it's probably double that as many people are too embarrassed to report the fact they were taken advantage of. I just want to mention a few of the common, but frequently used scams, starting with your smart phone.

I like the texts I get on the phone telling me I have a package that cannot be delivered until I go to a link and give them more information. If the U.S. Postal Service, Fed Ex, UPS, or Amazon has my number they could deliver my package.

Do not go to any link provided, but call the source directly, and never give out any information unless

you know you are actually talking to the legitimate source. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Americans reported \$330 million last year in text scams.

You can imagine how much was not reported. Recently our police have arrested a number of people selling fake gold jewelry in various parking lots in Mesquite. If it sounds too good to be true, you get the point, always walk away from any "great deal."

I personally like the Grandparent scam. In this scenario, a person will pretend to be the grandchild of the person who answers the phone and asks for money. The caller might claim they are having an emergency, such as a car accident or problem with the law, and need bail money or something similar.

I got one of these this past year. Interesting as the person, who sounded young, said, "grandpa, I need help." I don't have grandchildren. Another one I received just the other day was from Publishers Clearing House. This is a scam that just won't quit as it has been reported to the news media many times over the past few years.

I got a call the other day on the landline informing me that I just won \$2.5 million, and of course, knowing I never entered their sweepstakes or whatever they call it, I thanked them and just asked them to send a cashier's check, and have a nice day. I wonder why they hung up on me so quickly? I did a little checking, and not the money kind. This company never notifies their winners with a phone call, or a text. The fake call wants to have you send a fee to cover taxes or whatever. I thought people would never fall for this, but they sure do, to the tune of several million dollars a year. I

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Hollywood celebrities make an appearance in Mesquite, filming new movie 'Flight Risk'

By: Breven Honda

For two days in July, Hollywood stars Mel Gibson and Mark Wahlberg were in Mesquite filming a new action-thrilling movie.

Gibson is directing a movie called, "Flight Risk," with Wahlberg as the star in the lead role.

"Flight Risk" is about an Air Marshall who transports a fugitive across the Alaskan wilderness with a small plane. However, the fugitive is trapped when he thinks the pilot is not who he says he is.

So how did "Flight Risk" go from filming in Alaska, to shooting in Mesquite, when it was more than 115 degrees in two completely different climates?

"Well, and to be honest with you, which is so funny about this movie, the whole plotline is in Alaska, in Anchorage," Mesquite City Councilwoman Karen Fielding said on July 25. "When they were filming last Friday, it was 117 degrees. So, it could have been more farther than the original, Anchorage, where they were the movie plot is supposed to be.

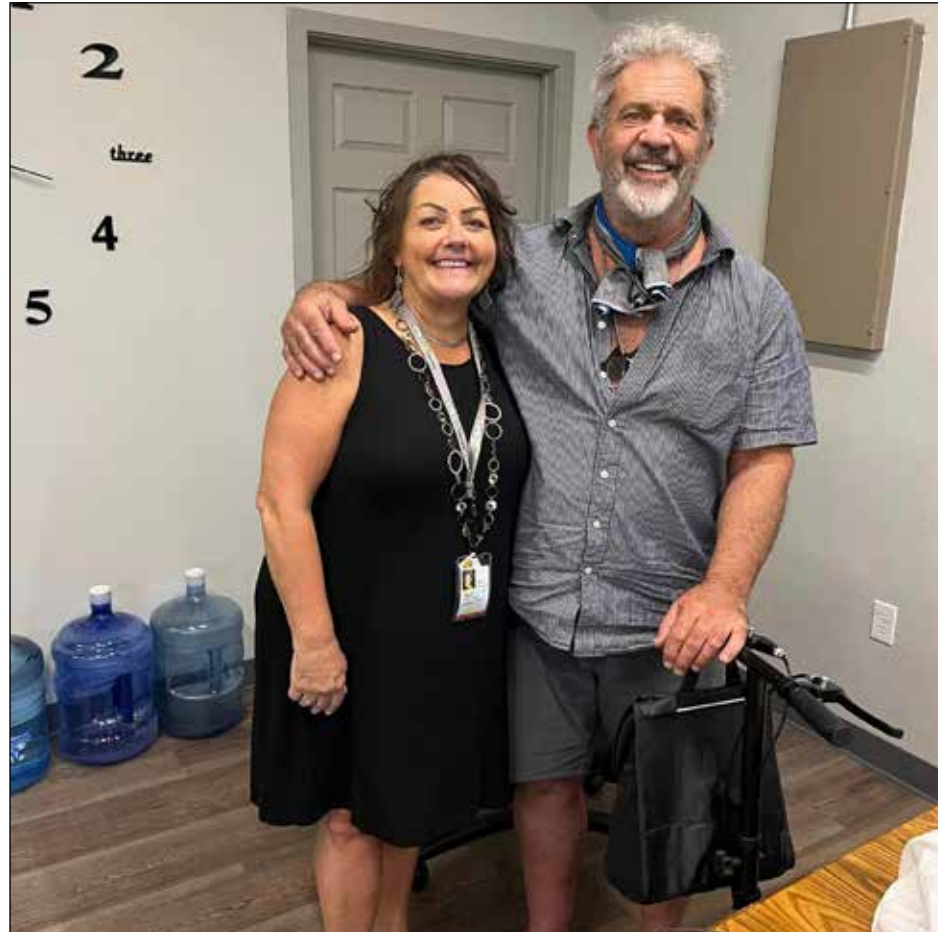
"Mesquite can be a chameleon and we can change to whatever directors want and utilize."

As a result of the filming crew wanting to film in Mesquite, certain things needed to be approved.

Fielding said the movie personnel did their job to make sure every part of the scene was covered from talking to the Mesquite Airport and the Mesquite Fire and Rescue.

"They had to work with the FAA, they had to work with the city of Mesquite and they had to close down the airport," Fielding said. "And then, they had to utilize some of our fire trucks and ambulances.

In addition to the emergency vehicles being used, four firefighters – Robert Ceja, Cody Cannon, Vincente Pinto and Logan Aug – from



Mesquite city council member Karen Fielding was able to meet Hollywood star Mel Gibson while he was filming a movie in the community. (Courtesy Karen Fielding's Facebook page)

the Mesquite Fire and Rescue were part of the filming.

"They were pretty excited to be involved in the in the making of this movie up there," Fielding said. "And, who knows how much of it's going to be actually aired, but the fact that it was here for two days, a lot of people were able to meet and see Mark Wahlberg."

None of the four Mesquite firefighters had any speaking roles. In the scene that was filmed, the four Mesquite firefighters responded to a small plane crash and to help those on board.

As much as this is being recorded, safety is one of the top priorities even

when an emergency is taking place.

"Sometimes in movies, they like to dramatize the events and sometimes that could include driving vehicles, potentially in an unsafe manner," Mesquite Fire Deputy Chief Shawn Tobler said. "And as part of our briefing with our crew is to ensure that any kind of operations that occurred with them and our equipment were done in a safe manner.

"If they had any questions of potential safety issues, they were able to stop what they're doing, call a time out and discuss it with either the producers, the fire chief or myself."

Ultimately, it was memorable moment for Tobler and the Mesquite

Fire and Rescue Department.

Tobler said having his firefighters be part of the filming, even if the scene lasts one second in the final piece, was exciting.

"It was an exciting moment for our department to be able to be a part of a movie production even though it was a small thing in the in the movie," Tobler said. "But it was a great experience for our crews. We were able to go up there and be a part of that and meet a couple of well-known Hollywood figures. They had an overall good experience and participate in part of the movie set."

The four firefighters were just a small amount of community admiration for Gibson and Wahlberg. The duo have worked together in the past, including in "Father Stu" and "Daddy's Home."

When Wahlberg, Gibson and their co-workers were not working on the movie, they were around the community and eating at different restaurants.

"I know I heard (Wahlberg) was out there at the CasaBlanca hotel," Fielding said. "Mel Gibson had dinner at Gregory's. So did his other producers and stuff. So, it's really fun to have them out in our community to see everything that we have from fabulous food and that welcoming committee that everybody welcomes them to Mesquite. It was pretty awesome."

With the positive interactions the community and Fielding had, including the councilwoman shaking Gibson's hand, she hopes that it is only the beginning for movies to come to Mesquite.

"I thanked him for coming in and I told him, 'Please come back and we welcome you back anytime,'" Fielding said to Gibson. "So, I really do think that this will open our door for maybe some other people coming to Mesquite."

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New indoor golf simulator, 'The Back Nine,' now open

By: Breven Honda

In Mesquite, especially when the days can get really hot in the summer or really cold in the winter, people have a hard time being able to go out and work on their golf game.

However, a solution has made to trump both of those scenarios. In July, an indoor golf simulator opened in Mesquite called, The Back Nine.

Located at 1085 W. Pioneer Blvd. Suite 180, golf fans of all levels can work on their game or just relax and enjoy a few hours with their friends using the golf simulator. Those in attendance can either work on their shots from the range or even play an actual course from options around the world or even some of the most historic courses, including Pebble Beach.

In total, there are more than 280 courses that people can choose from.

"You can train in there, you can practice, or you can just go and play courses," said Tom, the owner. "We have lots of people do lots of different things. (The simulator) is powered by the TrackMan system, which has military grade radar in

it that can track ball spins, speed, your approach angle, launch angle, all these different components of the swing. And you can use that to improve your game significantly. Or you can use that to play golf."

To participate in the simulator, people can purchase a membership that allows them to hold one active tee time for as long as three hours. Members can book a tee time online and bring three friends at no additional charge.

Once their tee time has passed, they can book their next time. There is no limit to the number of times you can golf in a month, but the owner's expectation is two three-hour spots a month during normal daytime hours.

Members also have other amenities on hand, including a professional golf instructor and a grip repair station.

At The Back Nine, there are currently two bays where groups can play. Tom said the bays are decorated to elevate the experience while one is swinging a driver.

"It's got a high-end feel with classy decor and lights," Tom said. "It's re-

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ally nice. It's got a great feel to it."

Those who have already participated and played at The Back Nine have enjoyed their time there and Tom has been receiving positive statements.

"So far, the feedback that I've been getting is they've been really surprised at how nice it is and how much they love it," Tom said. "The time flies by and they could stay there all day with the comments that I've been hearing from people."

The Back Nine in Mesquite is one of 11 franchise locations in the U.S. and the first in Nevada. The franchise owners are located just 40 miles away in St. George, Utah.

Tom said his The Back Nine location in Mesquite was an ideal place because of the golf aficionados in the area, in addition to playing indoors when you can play in comfortable conditions, rather than the natural extreme elements



throughout the year.

"I chose Mesquite because it's just a terrific community," Tom said. "Obviously they love golf, they care about golf. But unfortunately, with the weather in the summers, there are so many hours of the day that you can't golf. Having a climate controlled 24/7 Golf availability seems like a perfect match. Also, in the winters, it gets an early frost, and it gets dark early."

As much as indoor golf might be

beneficial for those not wanting to play in the sweltering heat or the dire cold, Tom does not want these facilities to take away from people going outside to an actual course to play.

Especially with the Mesquite golf community, Tom said his location only adds to the appeal for the game of golf in this city with other outdoor courses, such as Wolf Creek Golf Club, or even national events that take place in Mesquite, including the World Long Drive Championship events.

"I think all of the community really does get along well together and they all complement each other, there's no doubt about it," Tom said. "My facility is definitely not in line as competition with any of the traditional outdoor golf. It really runs hand in hand as an augment and support of traditional, outdoor golf.

"It simply provides just more to the golf experience. It really can in-

crease the overall quality of the golf experience by having this as part of your regimen."

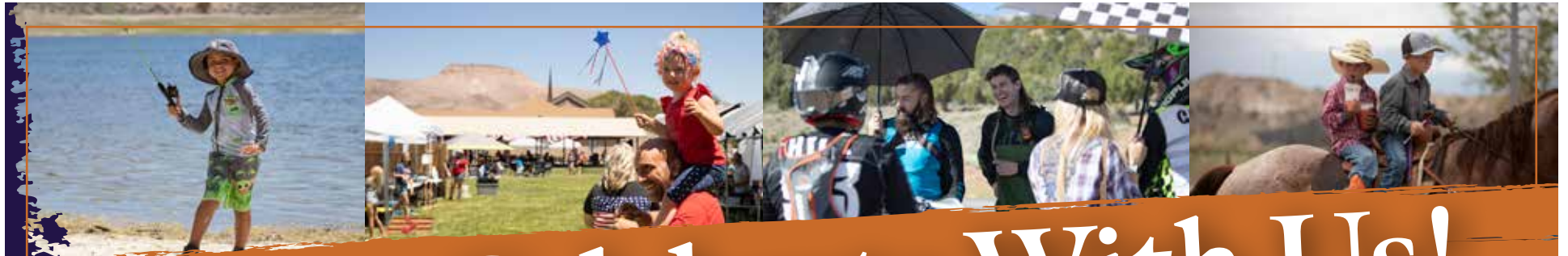
Tom said that he wouldn't be surprised to see The Back Nine in Mesquite grow in the next five to 10 years.

"I expect it to be popular with our community and likely even the tourists," Tom said.

How popular and how fast will help him decide on their expansion timing.

"If there's enough interest in volume to generate a second facility or more, I absolutely am willing and able to expand," Tom said. "The other point of interest will be the tourism population. I have no interest in eroding availability for my members by bringing in a heavy tourism component to this facility. If there is a strong tourist interest, then I do have plans to evaluate an additional option to focus on the tourism side.

"My primary loyalty is to the members and the locals first."



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SAVE THE DATE 2023 SCHEDULE OF FALL EVENTS



Mens' Softball

65+	October 6-7
60+, 74+	October 7-8
70+, 79+	October 11-12
50+, 55+	October 16-17

Target Pistol and Shotgun

Bocce	October 23-24
Pickleball	October 25-27
Cornhole (all ages)	November 18
Bowling (9 pin no-tap M/W singles)	December 9

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Mayor

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haven't even touched on the number and types of scams that are out there. I don't want to get into legal trouble on the next one, but it has to do with sore feet and TV advertising. I'll let the reader figure this one out, but beware and read the complaints before you invest a thousand dollars or more in a product that you can buy most anywhere for a few dollars.

Speaking of scams, a number of local businesses recently were scammed out of thousands of dollars by someone from California selling advertising. Never pay by

check and demand to see a current business license, otherwise, slam the door. I'll finish today with a scam I just saw today in a Facebook ad.

Did you know you can lose more than 50 pounds in a month with out any exercise or special diet? Just buy a "miracle pill" developed by a college student. Sure, right. The ad didn't even spell "weight" correctly.

I think next month I might just talk about additional scams. New ones are popping up each day.

Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.



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What are you doing to beat the heat?



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— *Diane White*

Hibernating inside, my house has never been so clean.

— *Amie Azevedo*



Watching lots of movies

— *Marci DeHaan*

Living in Montana

— *Linda Rae Loetterle*



Mostly staying in and working on jigsaw puzzles

— *Joan Noto*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To have your event listed in this calendar, please email mesquite-monthly@gmail.com or call 775-316-2335.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

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

STEAM Party: 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Have fun at the end of summer challenge. Info: 702-507-4080

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Toastmasters meet each Thursday at noon. Contact Mike Young at mkyoung@ix.netcom.com for details.

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.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

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.

Hip Hop History: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. What is Hip Hop and where does it come from? Learn all about the history of the music, genre in this free music history program. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

Chamber Golf Tournament: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., Palms Golf Course, 530 Peppermill Palms Blvd, Littlefield, Arizona. The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce hosts its 18th annual golf tournament. Contact Carol at 702-346-2902 for details.

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie "Step Up." Call 702-507-4080.

Conservative Club Meetings: Doors open at 1:30 p.m., Veteran's Center. Join like-minded conservative patriots that support the U.S. Constitution and the traditional American way of life. Please contact Janis to be added to the email list or with any questions or additional information. Phone: 702-613-4660; Email: MesquitePatriots@yahoo.com

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie "Step Up." Call 702-507-4080.

Al-Anon Family Groups Weekly Meeting: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Road, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group helps families affected by someone's drinking or addiction. Call Ann 248-225-9259 or Richard

435-862-6597.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

Preschool Ukulele 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.

Vitalant Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Appointment required. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org and search by zip code 89027 or call 877-258-4825.

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.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

Toddler 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.

Android Phone: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come out to learn how to use your Android phone. Call 702-507-4080.

Rotary Club: Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

WHCC Saxon Suffrage Awards Ceremony: 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Awards will be handed

out for the Mesquite Women's History and Culture Center's annual Saxon the Suffrage Cat Contest. No registration required. Call 702-346-1338.

City Council meeting: 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

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.

Chamber luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Cucina Italiana, 471 W. Mesquite Blvd. Come hear about the progress of "Hafen Village" and homeownership programs from Nevada Rural Housing Authority Executive Director Bill Brewer. Chamber members \$30. Non-members, \$40. RSVP 702-346-2902.

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

Kid's Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Suggested for ages 5-12. Info: 702-507-4080.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

Sunrise Rotary: 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN. Room I. For

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Don't Just Say It, Do it!

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Have you ever met someone who said they were one thing and then acted as if they were another? This is what we would call hypocrisy. We have all ran into our fair share of hypocrites over the years I am sure. As a pastor, the thing that I hear more often than not in response to why someone rejects Christianity is because the church is full of hypocrites. And you know what... there's some truth in that.



Every single last one of us, myself included, falls short of our highest ideals. I have no clue what your worldview may be, but I feel comfortable saying that if you're honest with yourself, you too probably are a hypocrite sometimes. So is it some big suprise that people who attend church don't always live up to their principles? No, because as stated, we all fall short of that.

I must say with great sadness that there have been many tragidies of people who claim the name of Chirst and live a life totally contrary to that. This is the point of the verse that we have before us. Jesus is saying, "Why do you say that you know and love

me if you are not going to obey me?" What is the point of putting on a facade if you are not going to live a life that matchs what you claim to be?

Every Christian should be familiar with James 1:22 "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." For those that read this and are believers, my appeal would simply be to live this out. Don't just talk the game but live it!

But for those who are not Chirstians, I now address you. It's true that people who claim to be Chirstians fail all of the time. As a matter of fact, every person ever (aside from the Lord Jesus Christ) has fallen painfully short of God's demands. Romans 3:23 states this, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The wonderful news is this: I am not asking you to follow any Christian, I am appealing you to follow Christ Himself! He is the perfection that none of us ever could be. He is the hope that we all need. Just because you have met people who are not what they should be and call themselves Christian, please do not disregard the only hope for your soul—Jesus!

We should all examine our lives and determine to not just say it but do it!

Chris Wall is the pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church located at: 742 W. Pioneer Blvd. Suite A. Additional resources can be found on Instagram and Youtube at: Mesquite Baptist Church NV



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

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.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Toastmasters meet each Thursday at noon. Contact Mike Young at mkyoung@ix.netcom.com for details.

Vitalant Blood Drive: 2 - 6 p.m. Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Appointment required. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org and search by zip code 89027 or call 877-258-4825.

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.

Teen Gay-Straight Alliance: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join LGBTQIA+ teens and allies who are having fun, being supportive, learning about local resources and striving to make the community stronger. Call 702-507-4080.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

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.

Cricut Design Space: 11 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st

St. Come check out how to design with cricut. Call 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.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie "Love Simon." Call 702-507-4080.

Al-Anon Family Groups Weekly Meeting: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Road, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group helps families affected by someone's drinking or addiction. Call Ann 248-225-9259 or Richard 435-862-6597.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

Preschool Ukulele 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.

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 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.vvarc.net

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

Toddler 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.

Rotary Club: Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

City Technical Review Meeting: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. 2nd floor chambers. Technical review meeting.

Virtual Author Series: Robert Jones Jr.: 1 - 2 p.m., Mesquite Library,

121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to New York Times bestselling author Robert Jones Jr. as he discusses his novel, "The Prophet." Call 702-507-4080.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

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.

3D Pen Coloring: 3 - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come learn about 3D pen coloring. Info: 702-507-4080.

Paint Your Pride Crafternoon: 3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Teen programs operate under the principles of HOMAGO, which stands for "Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out." Info: 702-507-4080.

Kid's Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Suggested for ages 5-12. Info: 702-507-4080.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

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

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Toastmasters meet each Thursday at noon. Contact Mike Young at mkyoung@ix.netcom.com for details.

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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

Mesquite Fine Arts Awards Ceremony: 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Reception and awards ceremony for "Dimensional and 3D Art" exhibit. Call 702-346-1338

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

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.

Card Making: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Take a class in card making at the library. Info: 702-507-4080.

Red Cross Blood Drive: noon - 5 p.m. Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Appointment required. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

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, AUG. 19

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie "Save the Last Dance." Call 702-507-4080.

Cricut Design Space: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Come check out how to craft with cricut. Call 702-507-4080.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

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MONDAY, AUG. 21

Preschool Ukulele 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.

Virgin Valley Artists Association General Meeting: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

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, AUG. 22

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Armed Forces Chamber Health & Wellness Fair: 3-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. The fair features activities, demonstrations, health screenings and other information and vendors to educate you in all aspects of health. Call 702-507-6021 for more information.

Kid's Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Suggested for ages 5-12. Info: 702-507-4080.

Virtual Author Series Cassandra Clare: 5-6 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join an online discussion with author Cassandra Clare as she discusses her newest book in The Last Hours series, "Chain of Thorns."

Call 702-507-4080.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

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

3D Print and Design: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come learn about 3D print and design. Info: 702-507-4080.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Toastmasters meet each Thursday at noon. Contact Mike Young at mkyoung@ix.netcom.com for details.

Nonprofits Unite Meeting: 2-4 p.m., Mesquite Chamber of Commerce board room, 840 Pinnacle Court, Building 11, Unit 101. This meeting is for CEOs/Executive Directors of 501c3 nonprofit organizations who are members of the chamber of commerce. RSVP required. Call 702-346-2902.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 25

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.

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 experi-

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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, AUG. 26

Children's Movie: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Join for a movie rated G or PG for children ages 0-17. Info: 702-507-4080.

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Virtual Author Series, Jeff Selling: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Spend an hour with bestselling author Jeff Selling as he talks about his book "Who Gets In and Why, A Year Inside College Admissions." 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.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

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Mesquite Book Club: 10 - 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join in a fun and exciting discussion of a monthly reading selection. Ass the customer service desk and read prior to the meeting. Call 702-507-4080.

Rotary Club: Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

Brown Bag Lecture Series: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Meet Vanessa Giebink and learn all about the amazing Mesquite branch library. Free to the public. Call 346-1338.

City Technical Review Meeting: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. 2nd floor chambers. Technical review meeting.

Arts Council Meeting: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Council office, 150 N. Yucca St., Rood 23. The public is welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer or join the Mesquite Arts Council is encouraged to attend. Contact Gwen at 702-346-2787 or cgolden47@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

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Kid's Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Suggested for ages 5-12. Info: 702-507-4080.

Virgin Valley History: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. This program exposes different historical aspects of the area. Call 702-507-4080.

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