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MESQUITE PD AGAIN HOSTING SHOP WITH A COP

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to once again host "Shop with a Cop" for local schoolchildren. Every December, Mesquite Police Officers along with neighboring law enforcement agencies participate in this incredible tradition.

The children who participate in this extraordinary event were carefully pre-selected by the schools based upon their needs and circumstances. The officers will personally pick up their assigned child from school to begin their holiday shopping together. The children will enjoy one on one time with their officer while picking out gifts for themselves and their family.

As they have done so graciously every year, the Mesquite Elks Lodge #2811 will then host a complementary luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The children and officers will enjoy a

lunch, dessert, and of course, a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. After lunch, the officers return the children to school with their hearts full of joy.

In addition to Virgin Valley Elementary and JL Bowler Elementary Schools, the Mesquite Police Department, with the help of our generous community donations, will also be able to spread holiday cheer to students at Beaver Dam Elementary School.

The Mesquite Police department invites anybody who would like to donate to "Shop with a Cop" to drop their donations off at the Mesquite Police Department, located at 695 Mayan Circle. Checks should be made payable to the Mesquite Police Department. For questions please call (702) 346-5262.

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FROM THE MAYOR

Quite an end to a very productive year in Mesquite

By Al Litman

Well, 2023 is rapidly winding down, and what a year it's been for Mesquite. The first

thing I want to do is wish everyone of you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a wonderful New Year in 2024.

2023 was one of the most productive in our local history. So many projects were started and completed, and many more are in various stages. The demand was there, and we added more state of the art pickleball courts, restrooms and a concession area.

I expect with all these new courts that we will see many tournaments here in the coming years that add to our local economy. Not to be outdone, Sun City has also expanded its courts as they continue their rapid growth.

Over the past year I have talked about the need for affordable workforce housing if we are expected to bring new business to Mesquite. Several local builders have stepped up to the plate and delivered, with more on the way. Nevada Rural Housing Authority is completing their 93 unit development on Hafen Lane, and I am told will be housing new residents by early June.

I am working closely with them on another housing project, and hopefully by this time next year it will be underway.

Crown Cork and Seal is up and running with more employees than we expected. BARK, a doggie resort has broken ground, the new motor home park on Hafen Lane, just across from Sunset Greens has completed phase one, and looks completely oc-

cupied every time I pass by.

Heritage Park, a mixed use development across from city hall is moving along very quickly, and Danielle's Chocolates has moved into the old Nevada Bank and Trust on Mesquite Boulevard.

The new bank is beautiful, and a great addition to the city. Dutch Bros Coffee continues to thrive with what seems like a continue stream of vehicles going through their drive thru.

Recently we had the grand opening of the S.T.E.A.M Learning Center and the renovation of the old Bulldog Plaza. I understand that they are fully occupied with businesses.

The old Abbott hotel over by the Maverick is going through complete renovation and reconstruction and will house a bicycle shop, and perhaps a coffee shop when built. It's a huge undertaking, but I believe it can be done.

Back to housing. We have approved a number of apartment projects over the past few years with mixed results. As I mentioned, a few small developments have been completed, but no major ones.

I believe that's going to change, as a large complex is under way near Mesa View Hospital, and another one, just approved, should start construction after the start of the new year.

I am concerned when I read about large companies and hedge funds buying up large numbers of single family homes, both used and new, and controlling the rents charge. I don't believe it's happening in Mesquite, but it is in other parts of southern Nevada. It certainly could happen here.

I want to finish this article on a bright note. Our Southern Nevada Symphony Orchestra is back at it's prior location, the Casa Blanca Showroom. It's better than ever with

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Deep Roots Harvest celebrates seven years with food and fun

By Breven Honda

In Clark County, as well as other places, the number seven is a sign of luck with it being the featured number in numerous slot machines, especially in the Entertainment Capital in the World.

However, for the Deep Roots Harvest location here in Mesquite, it reached its seventh anniversary in late October.

Mike Martinez, the Director of Retail & Sales for Deep Roots Harvest, said to achieve this moment for the company, it puts a smile not only on his face, but of all his colleagues on the farm, in the kitchen or in one of their six shops.

“I think the huge success for the whole entire team, the retail team especially,” Martinez said. “It’s the seventh year that our retail store has been open. So holistically throughout the company and all the growth that we’ve been through during the seven years, it’s amazing to see and watch.”

On the weekend of Oct. 21, the company held an anniversary to celebrate the milestone.

From multiple outside vendors with educational resources to a corn dog truck as well as Deep Roots Harvest handing free swag, including shirts, hats, hoodies and beanies, it was an enjoyable time for those in attendance.

“I think it was a fun event for both our clientele and our staff,” Martinez said.

It was also a successful weekend for Deep Roots Harvest. Martinez said the company’s transactions were up 25.8% from a typical weekend and a 30% increase in the number of people coming into the store from the same point last year.

In addition, sales were also up



Deep Roots Harvest recently celebrated seven years in Mesquite. (Courtesy photo)

by nearly a quarter at 21% and nearly 10% at 8.5% from the prior year.

Since 2016, Deep Roots Harvest has been able to expand to six locations across the state, including in Mesquite. From up north in Reno to Cheyenne and North Las Vegas, Deep Roots Harvest has become one of fastest growing dispensaries in Nevada.

As Martinez looks back on the last seven years, he said he has enjoyed the moments with his co-workers as they continue to break

barriers in the cannabis industry, especially in the state of Nevada.

“It’s been quite the experience, you know, like being where we were and where we are now, we’ve gained a ton of efficiency,” he said. “We have a lot of tenured staff that have worked the retail store, so it’s been nice to grow together and obtain goals and shoot for the moon.”

As Martinez and his co-workers have reached goals for the company, he found two underlying reasons for their accomplishments:

passion and ambition.

“I think people are passionate about the plant and people that are passionate about the products that we carry,” Martinez said. “So that’s where I’m going to take passion and ambition is having a go-getter attitude.”

“I think our employees are what drives the business. They’re working retail frontline on a daily basis and they’re working with the customers direct. I think without the

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Steps you can take to prepare for the New Year

By Jeff Bird
Financial Concepts

As the year draws to a close, it's a crucial time for individuals to review and address their financial strategies. Year-end financial planning ensures that you're maximizing opportunities and making informed decisions as you move into the upcoming year. Here are several key tasks to consider:



Assess Your Investment Portfolio: Take the time to evaluate your investment portfolio's performance over the past year. Look at your asset allocation, review gains and losses, and consider rebalancing if needed. Consider consulting with a financial advisor to ensure your investments align with your long-term goals and risk tolerance.

Review Retirement Accounts: For individuals with retirement accounts like 401(k)s or IRAs, it's essential to review contributions and consider maximizing contributions before the year's end. Evaluate your retirement savings strategy and adjust your contributions, if possible, to take advantage of potential tax benefits.

Tax Planning: Year-end is an excellent time to review your tax situation.

Consider tax-loss harvesting to offset capital gains and minimize tax liabilities. Maximize deductions by contributing to tax-advantaged accounts like Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

Charitable Giving: If you plan to make charitable donations, doing so before the end of the year can provide tax benefits. Evaluate your charitable contributions and determine if any adjustments are needed to align with your financial plan and maximize tax deductions.

Estate Planning: Review and update your estate plan, including wills, trusts, and beneficiaries. Ensure that your estate planning documents reflect any significant life changes that occurred during the year, such as births, deaths, marriages, or divorces.

Insurance Coverage: Review your insurance policies, including life, health, home, and auto insurance. Ensure coverage aligns with your current needs and make any necessary adjustments. Consider consulting with an insurance professional to explore potential discounts or better coverage options.

Set Financial Goals for the Coming Year: Reflect on your financial goals and set new ones for the upcoming year. Whether it's saving for a major purchase, increasing retirement con-

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Mesquite Community Theatre prepares for a trio of festive events

TAKING UP THE FIRST THREE WEEKENDS, THE MESQUITE COMMUNITY THEATRE HAS THREE TO GET LOCALS IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

By Breven Honda

December is not only a time to start a countdown to the new year, but also a time to celebrate with the many holidays at the end of the month and into January.

The Mesquite Community Theatre is hosting not one, not two, but three different Christmas shows for anybody to attend and to get into a jolly mentality, all before Santa Claus comes to town.

Suzie White, the Mesquite Community Theatre's Marketing Manager, said she cannot wait for people to come into the theater and enjoy getting into the holiday spirit with some renovated features.

"We have such a gem with this theater here in this community that I'm always excited to see folks turn out and realize what a great venue it is for different performances," White said. "I encourage everyone to come out and check out our fantastic theater. We have we recently upgraded our sound and our lighting, and we are looking forward to bringing all kinds of attractions in the future."

Beginning on Dec. 2, the festivities begin with a "Rock'n Christmas Sing Along" by the O'Feehan Productions. There are two different shows on Dec. 2, beginning at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and the doors open one hour before the beginning of the performance.

On the following weekend, the Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe is hosting a show called "A Merry & Bright

Christmas" on Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 9, also at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

The finale of the three shows is on Dec. 16, featuring the performers from Sun City in December Delights. This show begins at 2 p.m. and will have music, dance, song, and fun.

In between acts during the Dance Troupe's shows, White is going to perform some cowboy poetry and comedic observations.

White said each of the three events has the opportunity to bring people together from the community while hearing the festive tunes.

"I think everyone just enjoys singing and hearing the Christmas music," White said. "It makes you have your memories come back of growing up and the special things that happened just during this time of the year."

Each event not only comes with joy in the faces of the crowd but also the effort from those on stage.

White said those putting on the event, from the performances to those controlling sound and lighting, are working hard to give it their all and help the crowd get into the holiday spirit.

"Oh man, they rehearse for weeks," she said. "A couple of weeks before each performance to and then with the lighting and the sound people so that they can hopefully give their best performances."

As these events arrive, White is expecting Mesquite locals and visitors, alike, to come to the theater and have a great time getting into the holiday spirit that can last all month long for all ages.

"Well, we are hoping to have close to sell out performances for all of these," White said. "Our theater holds 197 people, so we just hope that everyone comes out and enjoys the music.

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Susan Thiriot as the new director. I can't thank the Casa Blanca enough for reopening their facility to accommodate them.

It was a sell out for their first concert of the year and I expect the same

for the coming ones. Don't miss it!

I want to end this in the same fashion as I started. Happy, Happy Holidays to all of you from myself, my wife Phyllis, and all of us at city hall.

Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.

Bird

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Rosen, senators pass bipartisan resolution for "National Hospice And Palliative Care Month"

Mesquite Monthly

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution by Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV), John Barrasso (R-WY), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Deb Fischer (R-NE) – the co-chairs and co-founders of the bipartisan Senate Comprehensive Care Caucus – recognizing November 2023 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month honors the work and dedication of long-term and palliative care providers and volunteers, and the critical services they provide to families and their loved ones facing serious illnesses. This resolution is endorsed by the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

"After caring for my own parents and in-laws as they aged, I know just how important the assistance of long-term and palliative care providers can be for families and caregivers," said Senator Rosen. "I'm glad to designate this year's National Hospice and Palliative Care Month to honor and recognize the many contributions of palliative care providers and volunteers to our communities."

"As a doctor, I have seen firsthand how important palliative care is for the

comfort of patients and their families," said Senator Barrasso. "Hospice gives patients the highest quality of comfort and care when they need it most. Our bipartisan resolution honors the hard work and dedication of hospice providers in Wyoming and across the country."

"Having served as the primary caregiver for my grandmother as she aged, I know both the world of difference it makes in someone's life to have compassionate palliative care and also how hard caregivers work," said Senator Baldwin. "Every American deserves to age with dignity, and that includes having access to hospice and palliative care. I'm proud to honor National Hospice and Palliative Care Month alongside the advocates who are fighting to recognize the courageous work of caregivers and expand access to affordable care, so more families can rest assured their loved ones have the support they need as they age or battle serious illness."

"National Hospice and Palliative Care Month raises awareness about the benefits this type of care can provide, and I'm pleased the Senate passed our resolution with unanimous support. Through our bipartisan work in the Comprehensive Care Caucus, we'll continue to promote access to quality

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employees, it wouldn't have been possible."

As Deep Roots Harvest reaches closer to its 10-year anniversary in a few years, continuing to peak is what is going to make the company grow.

Martinez said he and the entire staff have to remain staying on their toes and not be compla-

cent.

"We need to stay gaining efficiencies through all of our processes," he said. "We need to stay relevant in the market. Where I'm going with that is we need to be competitive in our pricing, our marketing efforts, our loyalty programs, and really stay in tune with the whole Nevada market.

"I like to believe that we're the best in the state."

LEARNING PICKLEBALL



Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services recently held the 2nd Annual Virgin Valley Elementary School Pickleball day and it was a big success! The department wants to thank all the volunteers who helped us tremendously! (Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services Facebook page)



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health care,” said Senator Fischer. “Every year, over one million Americans rely on the Medicare Hospice Benefit which has been proven to increase beneficiary satisfaction and quality of life, improved pain control, and reduced physical and emotional distress,” said Ben Marcantonio, Interim CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. “This Senate Resolution recognizes the incredible hospice and palliative care providers across the country who work tirelessly to ensure patients experiencing serious illness and end-of-life care can live their lives to their fullest as comfortably as possible. Thank you to Senators Rosen, Barrasso, Baldwin, and Fischer for your leadership on this issue and to the Senate for supporting the hospice and palliative care community.”

“We strongly appreciate the leadership of Senators Rosen, Barrasso, Baldwin, and Fischer to recognize the need to improve serious illness care,” states Jon Broyles, CEO of the Coalition to Transform Advanced Illness. “As we work toward improvements in and expansion of hospice and palliative care programs, this resolution designating November 2023 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month is an important way to call attention to the need to support these critical programs providing palliative care and hospice to those with serious illness and their caregivers, delivered by interdisciplinary teams of skilled health care professionals.”



We wish all our athletes and supporters a Happy Holidays. Also, watch out for our spring calendar, which we hope to have in late December.



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Question of the Month:



What's your go-to store in Mesquite for Christmas gifts?



A Casablanca Spa gift card.
— *Sandra Lee*

I was just in Juniper Outpost this week and they have some really unique items.
— *Debbie Robberson*



I think people appreciate getting gifts that are made locally. Mesquite has great options.
— *Mary Ann Dixon Wilson*

Danielle's Popcorn from the Rotary is great too. I need two more boxes!
— *Judy Shirley Wall*



The Front Porch Flowers and Gifts, Juniper Outpost, Stephen's Boutique, Danielle's Chocolate, Mesquite Fine Arts Center, Big 5 for the sporty ones... Roosters Cottage. We have a few now.
— *JAloree Smith*

Mystic treasures. Amy has so so many items to choose from. Many beautiful tie-die dresses. So much fun shopping with her.
— *Tammy Vigon*



Art gallery!
— *Michele Dorrer Pearce*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

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

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: 702-5346-5224.

Teen Crafternoon: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 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 702-5346-5224.

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: 702-5346-5224

Parade of Lights: 5:30-7 p.m., Down Mesquite Boulevard, between Arrowhead and Willow St. The annual holiday parade in Mesquite, with a theme of "Deck the Halls."

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

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 702-346-5224.

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

Chamber Mingle & Jingle Luncheon: noon - 2 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Chamber members only are invited to attend this event. Cost is \$45 per person. 702-346-2902.

Mesquite Toes Christmas Show: 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. Come celebrate the holidays and be entertained with this fantastic show from the Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe and other artists. Cost is \$15. 209-761-3628.

Card Making for Adults: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Take a class in card making at the library. Info: 702-5346-5224.

Bereavement Group: noon-5

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.

Holiday Music Concert: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Event features "Piano Duo & Fusion Trio. Info: 702-5346-5224.

Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Winter Craft Bash: 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. Make crafts to share with friends and family this holiday season. Join for artful crafts and projects that incorporate dexterity, imagination and fun. Info: 702-5346-5224

Get Smart with Art: 10-11:45 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A free program for children ages 8-14. Theme for this event is Mobias Strip and M.C. Esher Art. Visit www.mesquitefineartscenter.com for details.

Mesquite Toes Christmas Show: 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. Come celebrate the holidays and be entertained with this fantastic show from the Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe and other artists. Cost is \$15. 209-761-3628.

Apple iPhone: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Get to know the ins and outs of your Apple iPhone. Info: 702-5346-5224.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is "Gran Turismo." Call 702-5346-5224.

Music Concert: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Come out and listen Clint Brill. Call 702-5346-5224.

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, DEC. 11

Preschool Ukulele Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

Blood Drive: 2 -6 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.com or call 877-256-4825.

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

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A Christmas Plea

It's that time of year again! You know... the one where you get out all of the decor that you shoved in the box haphazardly last year.

The one where you invite friends and foes over to your home. And the one where you max out all 5 of your credit cards!

I am just kidding. Hopefully, this will not be your Christmas experience. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and miss the beauty of it. The reality is that you will not be here on this earth forever, so with that in mind, I shall share two things to consider this season.

First, don't let the small things get to you. The meal doesn't look as good as you hoped. So what? The kids or grandkids are a little loud. Most kids are. What I am saying is take things in stride. Instead of finding yourself all worked up, just take a deep breath and take this opportunity to be thankful for family, friends, and a multitude of other blessings God has given you.

Second, would you take time to consider the actual purpose of this holiday? We all see the manger scenes and think, "How cute and sweet." But when was the last time

that you thought about the reason that Babe in the manger came in the first place?

The reason that He came was to fulfill the Father's will. The Father's will, as laid out in Scripture, was that He (Jesus) would come to die on the cross and be gloriously raised again so that all those who place their faith in Him might have eternal life.

Don't find yourself getting so caught up in holiday plans that you do not consider the estate of your soul. It is so much sweeter this time of year when you are able to reflect on the true reason for the season.

We all have much to be thankful for, but the greatest reason to be thankful is that Jesus Christ, God incarnate—the second member of the blessed Trinity—became man so that we might be reconciled to God!

I pray that we all would take time to thank God for all that He has done. And for the one that has not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, that they would do so today.

May this Christmas be the most blessed of all as we join with the angels praising God for what great things He has done!

Chris Wall is the pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church located at: 742 W. Pioneer Blvd Suite A.

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of various artists. Info: 702-346-5224.

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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

Republican Women's Club (for men & women): Doors open at 5 p.m., meeting 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veteran's Center, 840 Hafén Lane, Annual Christmas Celebration with buffet dinner, musical entertainment, member recognition and officer installation ceremony. Special guests are 2024 candidates. For information: call Sue at 858-254-1214, email swtinsd@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Toddler Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

Android Phone: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Get to know the ins and outs of your Android phone. Info: 702-5346-5224.

Mesquite 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 702-346-5224.

Virtual Author Series: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join an online event with best-selling author Stephanie Land as she discusses her new memoir, motherhood and much more. Call 702-346-5224.

Brown Bag Lecture: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Jean Watkins

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY



The Mesquite Library will have a gift wrapping party for those looking to have fun and socialize while wrapping up those holiday gifts.

will talk about the Women's History and Culture Center. Free to the public, reservations recommended. Call 702-346-1338.

Rotary Club: noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

City Council meeting: 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

Mesquite Fine Arts Photographic Society: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Monthly meeting of a group with a mission to elevate photography as an art form by sharing expertise, ideas and creations to the community. For details, email rrdiversion@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Preschool Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities

that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

Book Bingo: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-5346-5224.

Kids Arts Craft: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Sunrise Rotary: 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN. Room 1. For 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 702-346-5224.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m.,

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Polar Express Movie: 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. The Polar Express movie will play, popcorn will be popped and gifts will be given. Call 702-5346-5224.

Teen Gay-Straight Alliance: 4:45-5:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 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 702-5346-5224.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

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 702-346-5224.

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: 702-5346-5224.

Gift Wrapping Party: 2-3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st.

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St. Have a few gifts you need to wrap? Come to the Learning Center and wrap your presents in our Makerspace! Supplies provided. Info: 702-5346-5224.

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.

Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "A Christmas Story Christmas." Call 702-5346-5224.

Sun City Sounds Concert: 2-4 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. Come out and listen to the Sun City Sounds.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured

movie is "A Christmas Story Christmas." Call 702-5346-5224.

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, DEC. 18

Preschool Ukulele Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

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: 702-346-5224.

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

Book Bingo: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-5346-5224.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 19

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Mesquite 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 702-346-5224.

Rotary Club: noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Preschool Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

International Cinema (Film Discussion Group): 2-3 p.m. Mes-

quite 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 702-5346-5224.

Adult 3D Pen Coloring: 3 - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come learn about 3D pen coloring. Info: 702-5346-5224.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

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

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

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FRIDAY, DEC. 22

Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years: 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library,

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Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years: 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

Circuit Craft Club: 3-4:30 p.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a fun project using the library's Cricut Joy, Cricut Maker and EasyPress. Call 702-346-5224.

Children's Holiday Movie: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come out for a holiday movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve: Library closed.

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, DEC. 25

Christmas Day: library closed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Mesquite 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 702-346-5224.

Rotary Club: noon, Mesquite

THE EDWARDS TWINS



The Edwards Twins, shown here with Carol Burnett, will perform their variety impersonation show on Jan. 4 at the Mesquite Community Theatre., 15 N. Yucca Drive.

Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

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 & Design: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join to learn all about 3D printing using TinkerCAD. Call 702-5346-5224.

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.

Blood Drive: 2-6 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.com or call 877-256-4825.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

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. 30

Children's Holiday Sensory Sensitive Movie: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Come out for a holiday movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

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, JAN. 1

Library closed: New Year's Day.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

Toddler Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

Mesquite 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 702-346-5224.

Rotary Club: noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

Mesquite Patriots Meeting: 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:45 p.m.), meetings held at the Veterans Center, 840 E. Hafen Lane. Special guest is Jim Marchant. Please contact Janis to be added to the email list or with any questions. Phone: 725-208-2661 or email MesquitePatriots@yahoo.com

Arts Council Meeting: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St. Monthly board meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

Preschool Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

Kids Artsy Craft Club: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

The Edwards Twins: 2 and 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 15 N. Yucca St. The ultimate variety show featuring Vegas' top impersonators, The Edwards Twins. Call for more information, 844-214-7469.

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