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PARADE SLATED TO HONOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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The Mesquite Community Theatre is hosting two concerts in the month of May.

On May 4, DJ Van Dyke presents "Patsy and the Men of Country Music" at 2 p.m. at the Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St.

The show features DJ's patriotic finale.

Tickets are \$25 for reserved seat-

ing (online only) and \$20 for general admission. To purchase tickets, visit MCTNV.com or visit the Virgin Valley Artists Association center. Tickets are also available at the box office an hour before the show.

On May 18 at 7 p.m. is "Off the Rails #5." Reserved seats are \$20 and general admission is \$15.

SENIOR EXPO SLATED FOR MAY 17

The public is invited to the Living Well Senior Expo, scheduled for May 17 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road.

Admission is free and there will be free samples, raffles and giveaways. The first 50 attendees will get a chance to spin the wheel for prizes. There will also be a drawing for a cappuccino machine.

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FROM THE MAYOR

Growth doesn't have to come at expense of quality of life

By Al Litman

There is no doubt in my mind that Mesquite is a successful, thriving community. This led me to wonder, how some small cities are prospering, while many others are suffering disinvestment, loss of identity, and even in some cases, abandonment.



Why are some communities able to maintain their historic character and quality of life in the face of a rapidly changing environment, while others have lost the very features that once gave them both distinction and appeal? How can communities grow without losing their heart and soul?

I've looked at many communities all over the country to try and determine why some communities succeed and other fail or are failing. Many communities have found ways to retain their small-town values, historic character, scenic beauty, and sense of community.

My research has shown me that

every successful community has its own strengths and weaknesses, but they all share some common characteristics.

This is what I found.

Successful communities have a vision for the future, they inventory their assets, they build on the enhancement of existing assets, they pick and choose among development projects, they pay attention to community aesthetics, and they have strong leaders and committed citizens.

I believe we have all of this in Mesquite, and even more. In the 20 years I have lived in this beautiful community, I have seen all of this, at least to some degree.

Of course, we are not perfect, but we are always learning as we grow.

There are those out there that say they want change, but don't say what kind of change. They are those who say they want to move forward, but don't say how.

We have developed a plan for the future. All successful communities always have a plan for the future.

Unfortunately, planning is a dirty word in some communities, especially in small towns and rural areas. In some places this a result of today's highly polarized political

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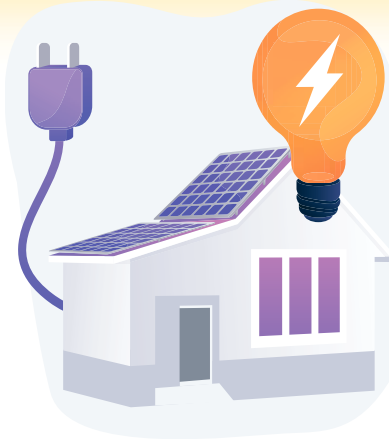
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Mesquite moves up one spot to be named the safest city in Nevada

By Breven Honda

After being at No. 2 in Nevada's safest city rating in 2023, according to SafeWise, this year's rankings were unveiled with a little more excitement for Mesquite.

On April 5, the Mesquite Police Department announced that SafeWise rated Mesquite as the safest city in the entire state.

"The Mesquite Police Department takes immense pride in this achievement," Mesquite Police Chief MaQuade Chesley said in a press release. "It reflects MPD's exceptional service and the strong bond we share with each other and with Mesquite residents.

"As a department, we are committed to the safety of everyone who lives in and visits Mesquite by upholding these standards of excellence, and we will continue to serve our community with the same dedication and passion."

The primary reason for the jump to the top spot was due to a decrease in the property crime rate.

Specifically in the property crime rate, Mesquite went from a 19.1 property crime rate last year to a 13.4 rate this year. The 13.4 rating was nearly half of the state's property crime rate of 25.2 per 1,000 people as well as the 20.7 rating for the country.

In relation to that drop, Chesley and the Mesquite Police Department assured citizens to correct and prevent property crime rates.

Sergeant Wyatt Oliver, who is the MPD's Public Information Officer, said to overcome the property crime rate was not only through the role from the police department, but also the residents.

"We made sure to tell everyone, 'Here's what you can do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of

"We do everything we can with that goal of being excellent and making sure the city is as safe as possible for everyone."

SERGEANT WYATT OLIVER
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crime," Oliver said on April 24. "So, we educate people, and they really took it to heart.

"I think it's just indicative of our leadership from the top from the chief and the administration and all the way down to the officers and the dispatchers, records personnel. They know the direction we're going. Ultimately, no one's really surprised we got this recognition."

Having that connection and camaraderie between the police department and the city residents or visitors goes a long way.

It sets the precedent to building the community aspect that is set from the police department.

"It's a culture of excellence that we've tried to develop here. That's really what it is," Oliver said. "We expect everyone at the police department to do their job well and everyone understands that.

"That trickles down through everyone in the department. It trickles down to how we are perceived by the public when we're interacting with them on a daily basis, when it's a wave as we're passing by at the grocery store or if it's dealing with a domestic call.

"We do everything we can with that goal of being excellent and making sure the city is as safe as possible for everyone."

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Eureka commemorates 25th anniversary with \$100 million remodel and expansion

By Breven Honda

For the last quarter century, Eureka Casinos has been one of the main presences in Mesquite.

Home to being a multigenerational family business and the country's only 100% employee-owned casino company, Eureka Casinos has lived up to the expectations of "The Eureka Way."

Now, it's in the midst of one of its biggest projects yet.

On April 18, Eureka Casinos announced a \$100 million remodel and development project to its property to honor its 25th anniversary.

Eureka Casinos CEO Andre Carrier said this project comes with the responsibility of doing their part for the community, both to their longtime staff and to the city.

"This is our reinvestment in Mesquite. This is our reinvestment in our employee owners. This is our reinvestment in our guests. And this is our reinvestment in our community," said Carrier, who has been with Eureka for 18 years. "If you asked me what's most important, it's those three things.

"It's taking the money that we're

blessed to make in our business in Mesquite and reinvesting it in those three groups."

This new investment project comes after improvements were made last year to the sports book and the ballroom.

Carrier said those improvements were the building blocks in setting up the excitement and the optimism of this new project.

"We refer to it as Eureka. 3.0 because it's a complete, a more broader version change," Carrier said. "But what we are announcing was 'Hey everybody. Get ready.' This is a much more expansive set of improvements. It's a version change. It's an upgrade to that degree. I think everybody who are longtime employees were like, 'Of course, yes. Let's go.'"

A big part to this new project comes with the vision that people like Carrier have, including Eureka Founder and Chairman Greg Lee, among others.

That vision comes with a slogan that is shown as hotel personnel get set to see the casino and its guests.

"If you ever walk in the back house corridor, there's a brass plaque before you walk out of the casino floor that says, 'Good, better, best. Never let it rest till our

good is better and our better is best,'" Carrier said. "I think that this announcement is totally aligned with our way of thinking. That of course, it had been some time before we pushed ourselves, we challenged ourselves, to get substantially better across the whole enterprise."

This multi-phase project has already begun as Phase I is currently under way and is expected to go through the end of the year.

The interiors of the hotel change will continue through the remainder of the year. In 2025, that is when work is expected to begin on the exteriors, in hopes of finishing by the end of the year or into 2026.

Part of the remodel also includes the expansion and remodel of Gregory's Mesquite Grill, the steakhouse restaurant inside the hotel. In addition to Gregory's, the hotel will go through expansion and renovation of the entire casino floor and the eating options.

However, not only is the hotel making changes to improve its amenities, but also increase the development around the hotel, by building retail and residential opportunities to possibly increase and even change or improve lifestyles in

Mesquite.

"What we're announcing is this kind of residential phase, this campus phase, of the development of Eureka means changing form and function to elevate experience, to add residents on site, to add workforce housing on site, to add retail on site, to create a walkable experience so people could walk from their townhome to dinner at Gregory's," Carrier said.

"We tend to believe The Eureka Way is probably more about the personal relationship and the service, right, and the design with the remodel is in the backdrop of it."

As a result, this decision comes with an impact not only in five years, but in another 25 years.

The weight of this decision on Carrier and Lee, among others, goes a long way on the long-term goals, not only to their longtime guests, but also visitors.

"I do think that's the biggest change that this phase will bring," Carrier said on the housing aspect to the project. "I also think that like with any set of improvements, tourism continues to be a

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HIST 100	TBA	Historical Issues & Contemporary Society	5:30 pm – 7:20 pm	8/26 – 12/9	Keith Cooper
MA 104B	TBA	Intro to Medical Assisting	9:00 am – 10:50 am	8/26 – 10/20	Jessica Dycus
MATH 120E	85671	Fundamentals of College Math Exp (remote)	5:00 pm – 6:50 pm	8/26 – 12/9	Carol Dobson
Tuesday					
CLS 155	84172	Phlebotomy	5:30 pm – 7:50 pm	8/27 – 12/10	Sulinda Myers
ENG 101	88787	Composition I	5:30 pm - 8:20 pm	8/27 – 12/10	LeAnn Campbell
NURS 130	84798	Nursing Assistant Lab	9:00 am – 12:05 pm	8/27 – 12/10	Sue Hale
Wednesday					
AC 102B	89889	Intro to HVAC Electrical Theory & Application	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	8/26 - 12/9	Paul Chandler Jr.
MA 104B	TBA	Intro to Medical Assisting	9:00 am – 10:50 am	8/26 – 10/20	Jessica Dycus
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COM 101	88876	Oral Communication	5:30 pm - 8:20 pm	8/29 – 12/12	LeAnn Campbell
MUS 125	TBA	History of Rock Music	5:30 pm - 8:20 pm	8/29 – 12/12	Bob Bonora
Friday					
AC 116B	89891	Copper Fundamentals	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	8/30 – 10/20	Bill Ennis
Online					
CLS 155	84168	Phlebotomy Lecture	Online	8/26 – 12/15	Cheryl Zimmer
HIT 117	TBA	Medical Terminology	Online	8/26 – 10/20	Cassie Gentry
MA 106B	TBA	The Body in Health & Disease	Online	10/21 – 12/15	Jessica Dycus
NURS 130	TBA	Nursing Assistant Lecture	Online	8/26 – 12/15	TBA
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Senior Games concludes successful spring slate

By Breven Honda

The 2024 spring slate of the Mesquite Senior Games concluded late last month with the bocce event after eight consecutive weeks of many activities for the seniors, who live locally, within the state of Nevada, or across the country.

In total, there were 15 events over the last two months ranging from a history tour to bowling to pickleball to cornhole activities for seniors to get active during the first few months of the year when the temperature for the most part was not too hot, but not too cold.

Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said completing the spring slate feels like exhaling after a positive experience.

"Honestly, it feels pretty good," Tudor said on April 22, one day into the final event, bocce. "We've had great participation. The athletes have enjoyed it. The volunteers have enjoyed it. So, it's been good."

Some of the new items to this year's spring slate included a second fitness hike, venue changes for shotgun sports, target pistol and poker, as well as tennis making its return for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Taking place at the Redcliffs Rifle & Pistol Range in Hurricane last month, both the shotgun sports and the target pistol events were a success, despite mother nature getting in the way.

"They went really well in spite of the weather," Tudor said. "It was cold and windy that day. We ended up with 42 shooters for shotgun and that was more than we had last year."

"(The Redcliffs Rifle & Pistol Range) is a nice venue out there. We'll probably use it again unless somebody locally comes up with a shooting range."

One day after the shooting events was the softball tournament, hosted by Tudor. More than 30



teams across the different age brackets made their way to Mesquite, both at Pioneer Park and Old Mill Park.

For most of the teams, Tudor said it has been part of a trip along I-15 into California,

"They loved it. These women play softball all the time," Tudor said. "They were leaving here, and I think the following week, most of them were going to the games in Vegas and after that they're going to Palm Springs. So, there are advantages to being retired. You travel around play ball."

In addition, the five members who were added

to the Board of Directors last June had pivotal roles in making this year's spring slate a success in their first spring games as new board members.

From taking on event director positions to keeping things organized, Tudor said they have filled in nicely to alleviate any pressure off other board members.

"Marge Mongolo ran the bocce event along with (non-board member) Margot Centanni. So, she and Marge ran this together and then they've done a great job," Tudor said. "(Jim Armstrong) ran the shotgun and target pistol.

"We've got (Krista Kilpatrick), who was a wizard when it comes to setting up spreadsheets and forms. So, everybody has contributed well and taken a lot of responsibility off those of us who were here.

"(Toni Gans) used to handle not only her bowling and the Secretary, but she was also handling all of the medals. (New board member Kara Myers) said, 'Hey, I got that.' So, Kara's doing all of the medals, accounting for them and making sure that we have what we need for every event."

Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator Beth Caplinger was busy throughout the entire schedule, finding volunteers for each event, both involving small and tall tasks.

However, Tudor said there were no problems when it came to needing assistance.

"We had cornhole on (April 20) and at one point, until most of the players got there, we had more volunteers and board members there than then there were participants," Tudor said. "So, she's kept it full every time. We haven't gone without volunteers when we needed them yet. We will do some kind of a recognition probably this fall."

When it comes to running all of these events,

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pretty big important part of the Mesquite economy, not just in dollars, but people coming to Mesquite, who may be future residents.

“They usually do that first as a tourist, staying in a hotel. We hope to continue to make Mesquite relevant as a destination.”

As this change comes, there will be challenges along the way.

The biggest will be in finding people to contribute to this project. However, Carrier said there is a way for them to not only work, but maybe improve their lifestyles while being part of the project.

“Staffing is still difficult, and I don’t just mean that in the business, but I mean that for construction and for subcontractors,” he said. “Finding enough people to do all of these things is more difficult than it once was.

“Workforce housing is an important component of this is so that our own people can find a place that they’re proud of and can afford to stay at as a step in the process to the aspiration for homeownership.”

Mayor

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culture.

In other places, it results from a misunderstanding of planning and its understandable, people in small towns and cities don’t like change. But change is inevitable. Technology, the economy, demographics, population growth, market trends, and consumer attitudes are always changing and they will affect a community whether people like it or not.

I remember way back in graduate school, a professor of mine, in a class about future trends, discussing this subject. His comments hold true today.

“There are really only two kinds of change in the world today, planned change and unplanned change.”

Communities can grow by choice

Despite the challenges, excitement comes with it. Everyone that Carrier interacts with, whether it is with employees or hotel guests, a lot of them showcased their enthusiasm as well.

Carrier and Lee, who both grew up in the hotel business world, learned about this realm from their parents.

Although Lee’s parents have passed away, the duo of Carrier and Lee, who have been working together for nearly two decades, understand that it is now up to them and that torch has been passed on to them from their parents to leave that impact for not only themselves, but those around them.

“I think it took us a little bit to realize that for Greg and I,” Carrier said. “We had to make these decisions on our own now. We had to think about the business and the men and women that we work for, that we’re privileged to work with. We had to think about the long term for them on our own now, and we had to make those choices.

“25 years as a milestone got us thinking about that. That it was time to make some big decisions.

or by chance. Communities with a vision for the future will always be more successful than communities that just accept whatever comes along. There are those out there that are dreamers.

I hear, almost on a daily basis, what Mesquite needs, or in reality what they, as individuals want for Mesquite. That’s not how it works in a successful community. Our future must be planned, and planned carefully, if we are to be the best community in Nevada.

That’s what I want, and we are going in the right direction. In coming articles, I will go into details on how, we as a city government are carefully planning for our future. Yes, we will probably make mistakes. We are not perfect, but with careful planning, we can correct any mistakes we make.

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Markets have the ability to adapt to shifts in the wake of political shifts

By Ron Bird

As the calendar flips towards another election year, the familiar specter of uncertainty looms over the financial markets. Investors brace themselves for the turbulence that often accompanies political transitions, wondering how the outcome of the ballot will sway the trajectory of their portfolios.



A recent poll showed that when asked what will happen if the “other side” wins, 32% of people believe the economy will plunge into a recession within 12 months, 31% of people believe it will negatively impact their finances, and 31% of people believe their taxes will increase.

Even more interestingly, of the people interviewed, almost half believe that the election results will have a greater impact on their portfolio than actual market performance!

Yet, amid the speculation and conjecture, there exists a fundamental truth: the stock market, like a resilient phoenix, has a tendency to rise from the ashes of uncertainty. While elections undoubtedly inject a dose of volatility into the equation, historical data reveals a reassuring pattern—the market's long-term trend is one of upward growth.

It's crucial to discern between the short-term fluctuations sparked by electoral jitters and the enduring march towards progress that characterizes the market's trajectory. Yes, there may be moments of panic and bouts of volatility, but these are mere blips on the radar when viewed through the lens of history.

The relationship between elections and market performance is

nanced, influenced by a myriad of factors ranging from policy promises to investor sentiment.

Yet, despite the intricate web of variables at play, there are discernible patterns that emerge, providing valuable insights for investors navigating the choppy waters of electoral cycles.

One such pattern is the market's ability to adapt and recalibrate in the wake of political shifts. While initial reactions to election outcomes may be knee-jerk and emotionally charged, the market tends to find its footing as investors digest the implications of the new political landscape.

This adaptability underscores the resilience of the market, serving as a reminder that short-term turbulence does not necessarily dictate long-term outcomes.

Moreover, it's essential to recognize the role of investor psychology in shaping market dynamics during election years. Emotions often run high amidst the fervor of political campaigns, leading to impulsive decisions and reactionary trading. However, a measured approach, grounded in a deep understanding of market fundamentals, can help investors weather the storm of uncertainty with confidence.

And for those seeking further enlightenment on this topic, Financial Concepts will be hosting a free workshop at the Mesquite Public Library titled “Navigating the Markets in an Election Year.”

The workshop will be at 4 p.m. on May 21 and be held at the Mesquite Public Library. Registration is required as seating is limited, so please call 702-346-1335 to reserve your spot.

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Congressman Steven Horsford (NV-04) and the Federal Home Loan Bank San Francisco (FHLBank San Francisco) came together to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon-cutting of the Hafen Village Apartments. *Submitted photo*

Hafen Village Apartments receives \$900,000 grant for affordable housing

U.S. Rep. Horsford (NV-04) and the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco celebrated the grand opening of the Hafen Village Apartments in Mesquite.

Advancing initiatives that uplift marginalized communities throughout Nevada is central to Congressman Horsford's work, a commitment he reinforces in his role as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. The new housing development, located at 850 W. Hafen Lane is providing 96 new affordable residences that lower-income individuals and families can call home.

"The grand opening of Hafen Village Apartments shows what we can achieve through strong partnerships among local government, community groups, and innovative housing developers," Horsford said. "These new affordable homes represent more than infrastructure; they are the cornerstone of stability and prosperity for vulnerable Nevada families."

In 2022, FHLBank San Francisco awarded a \$900,000 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant to support the Hafen Village project, amplifying the Bank and its members' other ongoing community development efforts in rural Nevada. Grant funding was awarded through a partnership with FHL-

Bank San Francisco's member institution, Pacific Premier Bank, and Nevada Rural Housing Authority, the mission-driven housing finance agency that developed Hafen Village Apartments.

"We are delighted to celebrate the successful grand opening of Hafen Village, a project that exemplifies our shared commitment to community development and supporting the often-overlooked rural population living and working in Nevada," said Teresa Bryce Bazemore, president and CEO of FHLBank San Francisco. "This project is a prime example of the positive impact that can come to a community through years of hard work and thoughtful dedication. We are grateful to Congressman Horsford, Nevada Rural Housing Authority, Pacific Premier Bank, and all involved in making this project come to fruition."

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the state of Nevada has the highest number—86%—of severely cost-burdened households in the U.S. Recognizing the urgency of this statewide issue, FHLBank San Francisco launched the Nevada Targeted Fund in 2023 to deliver more affordable housing funding directly to Nevada nonprofit housing developers.

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Safest

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After being No. 2 in 2023 and No. 1 this year, the goal now is to maintain that top ranking in the state.

Whether it is through lowering crime rate in any way, Oliver said the top mark in order to do so, is the police department remaining proactive on the city.

"A big part would be making sure we have enough manpower to back that up because when the city grows, we have more population, more visitors, but if we keep the same number of officers, we're not going to be able to keep that same standard of care and standard of protection as we have in years past," Oliver said. "So, we have to be able to maintain our personnel, along with the growing

city. If we start to get understaffed, that puts us behind and we're playing catch up."

Rounding out the top five on Nevada's safest cities list, according to SafeWise, were Henderson, North Las Vegas, Sparks and Reno. In addition, Mesquite and Henderson were the only cities in the Silver State with violent crime rates that were below the national average of 4.0.

Overall, there were only six cities in Nevada that qualified for these rankings.

SafeWise uses FBI crime statistics to rank cities in each state across the country. The company determines the safest cities through low crime rates but to then also begin conversation and action to increase safety in communities across the country.

Games

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there are always obstacles, both directly and indirectly.

Some of the direct obstacles that Tudor and the Mesquite Senior Games faced included needing more advertising of the golf events, which consists of closest to the pin, long drive, and a putting contest. Another takeaway was the scheduling, and spacing events out for increased participation.

One of the indirect challenges comes with the softball event as to when Easter Sunday is, in particular to the age-65 bracket and older.

Tudor said when it comes to facing these obstacles, there are ways to not only overcome it, but also then have success at the same time, especially for softball.

"Nobody's going to play on Easter weekend, so last year we moved it to midweek for the older women and that worked," Tudor said. "Hotels are cheaper during the middle of the week. It's cheaper to travel during the middle of the week. So, they were really happy, and I think we'll

continue to do that."

Focusing on the financial aspect, like on hotels, is also a point of emphasis when it comes to planning each event. Ultimately, it is not only the hotels, but also the local restaurants and venues that are utilized, such as the history museum.

"One of the things that we always look at is what we've done for the city and what we've contributed," Tudor said. "With the women's softball (tournament) alone, I think it was 277 hotel room night booked.

"One of the girls left a glove at the ball field and I picked it up because I knew that somebody would be looking for it. So, they called, and I said, 'Hey, I'm right down the street.' They were at Cucina Italiana. There were 30 softball players in there having dinner. I know that we contributed in that way to the economy as far as restaurants and places in town. So, I think we met our goal."

As the spring slate wrapped up, the board members had a meeting on April 25 to reflect back on the games and what comes next in preparation for the fall.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Library closed, May 27 for Memorial Day

Ages 0-5 Storytime: 10 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A wide variety of books, songs and participatory activities will be shared for young children and their parents. Music will be a strong component. 702-346-5224.

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. 702-346-5224.

Homework Help: 3:30 - 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

TUESDAYS

Ages 0-3 Toddler Storytime: 10-10:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Babies and toddlers enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, stories and fingerplays with their favorite adult. This program introduces kids and parents to language-enrichment activities and emerging literacy skills. 702-346-5224.

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

Homework Help: 3:30 - 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

WEDNESDAYS

Ages 3-5 Preschool Storytime: 10-10:30 a.m. Includes stories, songs and more to build literacy skills and help children develop a love for books. Activities also include Kindergarten Readiness skills such as cutting, tracing, and doing worksheets. 702-346-5224.

Homework Help: 3:30 - 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

Kids' Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., A new art technique is taught every week, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

THURSDAYS

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. 702-346-5224.

Teen Crafternoon: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Teen programs 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. 702-346-5224.

Homework Help: 3:30 - 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. 702-346-5224.

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. 702-346-5224

FRIDAYS

Family Storytime: 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A wide variety of books, songs and participatory activities will be shared for young children and their parents. 702-346-5224.

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. 702-346-5224.

Celebrate Recovery: 5-8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Adult support recovery program for all your hurts, habits and hangups. 5 p.m. din-

ner; 6 p.m., meeting; and 7 p.m., sharing time. For information call, Dave at 847-997-6868.

SUNDAYS

Al-Anon Family Group: 3 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Drive, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group is back with weekly meetings.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Mesquite Days: all day. Historical Walking Tour, 9-10 a.m., meet at Virgin Valley Museum; Founder's Forum, 5:30-6:30 p.m., city council chambers; Carnival, 5-10 p.m., Rec Center West Field; Live music, 3-10 p.m.

Writer's Group: 5 - 6:45 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Cricut Craft Club: 10:30 a.m. -noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Resource Center. Come out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

Mesquite Days: 4-midnight, Rec Center West Field. Vendor booths, 4-10 p.m., live music, 5-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Mesquite Days: all day. Mayor's pancake breakfast 7-8:30 a.m., > See CALENDAR, Page 19

MESQUITE COMMUNITY THEATER SPRING SHOWS

<p><i>Patsy and The Men of Country Music</i></p> <p>May 4</p>	<p><i>Off The Rails</i></p> <p>May 18</p>	<p>VIRGIN VALLEY YOUTH PLAYERS PRODUCTION</p> <p><i>Snow White and the Dancing Dwarfs</i></p> <p>June 14 & 15</p>	<p><i>Mean Girls Jr</i></p> <p>June 21 & 22</p>
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For more information call Marty Pecoraro 775-843-4173.

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All are invited and all are welcome. This congregation is open to everyone.



Episcopal/Lutheran community hosts its first joint service

The Mesquite Episcopal/Lutheran (ELCA) community had its first joint service on April 14 at noon at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 350 Falcon Ridge Parkway, Mesquite.

It was a great start to a new beginning of a joint church adventure.

There will be an Episcopal Eucharist service on the first Sun-

day of the month and a Lutheran service on the third Sunday of every month, with Episcopal Morning Prayer on the other Sundays until we establish our joint service.

All services are open and welcoming to everyone who wants to attend. Services will be held every Sunday at noon at Valley Presbyterian Church.

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Heritage Park; Parade, 10 a.m., Mesquite Boulevard; Carnival, noon-midnight, Rec Center West Field; Vendor booths, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Live music, 3-10 p.m.

Flower Arrangement Workshop: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Experience the joys of working with nature's finest creations. \$55. Purchase tickets online at www.mesquitefineartscenter.com

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Wonka." Call 702-346-5224.

PATSY - and the Men of Country Music: 2-4 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. DJ Vandyke presents this show, which features a patriotic finale. Reserved seating (online only) \$25, general admission \$20. Tickets on sale at www.mct-nv.com, the VVAA Arts Center or at the box office one hour before the show.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Wonka." Call 702-346-5224.

Music Concert: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Band TBA. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Junk Journal Club: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Come out and check out this event. Call 702-346-5224.

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.com or call 877-256-4825.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Book Club: 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in a fun and exciting discussion of the monthly reading selection. Check customer service for book prior to meeting. Call 702-346-5224.

Android Phone: 10:15- 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Learn how to use your Android phone. Call 702-346-5224.

Brown Bag Cultural Series: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A fun time discussing conceptual art with Kim Garrison. Free to the public

City Technical Review meeting: 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

Mesquite Nevada Patriots: 2 p.m., Veteran's Center, 840 Hafen Lane. As a group, will review political candidates and decides which the group will endorse in the primaries.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Writer's Group: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

Chamber of Commerce luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Casa Blanca Resort Casino, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. 2025 mayoral and city council candidates meet and greet. Members \$35, non-members \$45. Call 702-346-2902.

Book Bingo: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

Republican Women's Club (for men & women): Doors open at 5 p.m., Meeting 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veteran's Center, 840 Hafen Lane, Meetings the second Wednesday of each month. For information: call 530-966-5363, email hrebsue@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Ribbon cutting: 9:30-10:30 a.m., 330 N. Sandhill Blvd. Grand opening of HealthPlan Advocate.

Mesquite Reads Book Sale: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., CSN, 140 Yucca St., Room 1. Mesquite NV Sunrise Rotary hosts a book sale with 100 percent of benefits to benefit Mesquite Reads. 725-253-0288.

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.

Paint Your Pride: 3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Teen Crafternoon offers a place for creativity, socialization, gaming, crafting, and lounging for grades 6-12. Info: 702-346-5224.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Cardmaking: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Exercise your creativity by making two unique greeting cards. Call 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Writer's Group: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

Family Craft: 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Join us for an artful craft or project that incorporates dexterity, imagination, and fun! Info: 702-346-5224.

Apple iPhone: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Get to know the ins and outs of your Apple iPhone. Info: 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Anyone But You." Call 702-346-5224.

Music Concert: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Band

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MONDAY, MAY 13

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, MAY 14

Android Phone: 10:15- 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Learn how to use your Android phone. Call 702-346-5224.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Adult 3D Pen Coloring: 3 - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Come learn about 3D pen coloring. Info: 702-346-5224.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Art Exhibit Awards Ceremony: 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine

Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Open house reception for “Blessings of Nature” MFA Photographic Society Display.

Writer’s Group: 5-6:45 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Living Well Senior Expo: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Join for a day of Living Well. Healthcare, senior living, immunizations, home improvement and travel. 702-331-1350.

Resume Workshop: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come out and get some help creating a resume. Info: 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Concert: 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Rose Kingsley will host a “Tribute to Johnny Mercer.” Info: 702-346-5224.

Cricut Craft Club: 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Resource Center. Come

out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

Off the Rails #5: 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St.. A live show presented by the Virgin Valley Theatre Group. Reserved seats \$20 (online only) and general admission \$15. Tickets available at www.mctnv.com, the Virgin Valley Art Museum and at the box office one hour before the show.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is “Bob Marley One Love.” Call 702-346-5224.

Music Concert: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Band “George Christos.” Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, MAY 20

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: 702-346-5224.

Graduation Parade: 5:30 p.m.,

Mesquite Boulevard. Come out and celebrate the class of 2024 from Virgin Valley High School. Questions, call Karen Fielding 702-378-9964.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

City Technical Review meeting: 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Writer’s Group: 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 2-6 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.com or call 877-256-4825.

Summer Challenge Kickoff: 11 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. The Summer Challenge kicks off with Melodi - Expressive Dance Workshop. Info: 702-346-5224.

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Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 2-6 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

D.I.Y. Adult Craft: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Make something unique and creative. Info: 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Writer's Group: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Music Concert: 3 p.m., Mes-

quite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. (outside). Band "Off the Rails." Info: 702-346-5224.

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

MONDAY, MAY 27

Library closed for Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Nevada Business Champions Webinar Series: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., online. Child Care Landscape in Nevada. Explore how child care accessibility and affordability in Nevada impact your current and potential workforce. Free. Sponsored by The Children's Cabinet. Call 775-843-1324.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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 702-346-5224.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "TBD." Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "TBD." Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.com or call 877-256-4825.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Book Club: 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join in a fun and exciting discussion of the monthly reading selection. Check customer service for book prior to meeting. Call 702-346-5224.

Brown Bag Cultural Series: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. "Stories from the National Endowment of the Arts with Doug Herbert. Free to the public.

City Technical Review meeting: 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

Arts Council Meeting: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23. Monthly meeting of the Mesquite Arts Council. The public is welcome. 702-346-2787.

Mesquite Nevada Patriots: 5:30 p.m., Veteran's Center, 840 Hafan Lane. Doors open at 5 p.m.

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