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THE RACE IS ON

Five candidates are taking on incumbent Al Litman to become mayor of the city of Mesquite.

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NEWS AND NOTES

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN JUNE

The Virgin Valley Junior Golf Association kicks off its summer season with professional golf instruction, clinics and tournaments, discounted golf privileges and social play.

The VVJGA is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6-18.

Junior golf starts June 4 with clinics at the CasaBlanca Course with three-weed sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Tournament play is Tuesdays from June 25 through July 23 at 9 a.m. at Palms, CasaBlanca, Falcon Ridge, Conestoga and Oasis Golf Courses. A season-ending banquet is scheduled July 23 at the Mesquite Recreation Center.

A \$50- membership and \$10 per tournament. Used clubs will be provided to those who need them.

Register in person at the CasaBlanca pro shop, the Palms pro shop or the Mesquite Recreation Center. Registration is also available online at MesquiteNV.activityreg.com.

The VVJGA is also seeking volunteers and coaches to help with the program. Those interested can contact the board members: Craig Demos, 702-346-6767; Laura Peterson, 702-346-6767; Patrick Moore, 651-246-9061; or Nicholas Montoya, 702-346-8732.

SWIM LESSONS OFFERED BY MESQUITE RECREATION

Youth swim lessons for youths ages 18 months to 12 years old kick off with two-week sessions in June and July.

The two-week session are from June 17-27, July 8-18 and July 22-Aug. 1. There are five levels per session: Mommy and Me at 9:30 a.m., Levels 1-2 at 10:15 and Levels 3-4 at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. To accommodate more families, only one child per session is allowed.

To register, call 702-346-8732.

The Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services is also offering free swim lessons June 10-13 for ages 18 months to 4 years old.

Mommy and Me lessons are from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with two separate lessons for 2-4 year olds from 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

To register, call 702-346-8732.

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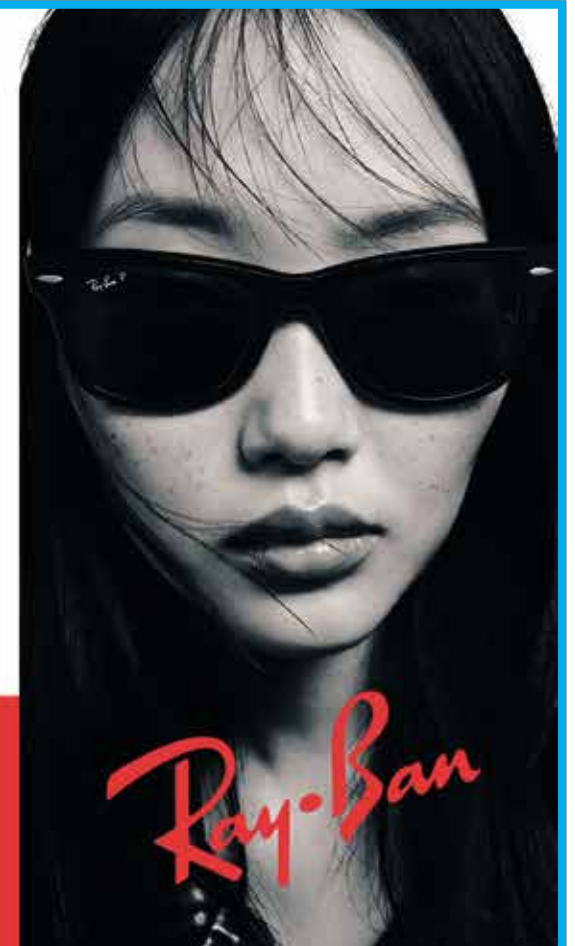
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duction to cheer and choreography, stunting, tumbling and some trampoline time. All campers will be under the instruction of Reina Vallejo and her staff.

Two-week camp sessions are June 24-25 and July 1-2; and July 15-16 and 22-23. Three to five year olds meet from 9-10 a.m., with kindergartners through second grade at 10:15-11:45 a.m. and third through five graders from 12:30-2 p.m. Cost is \$50 for the 3-5 year olds and \$60 for kindergartners through five grade.

Register at the Mesquite Recreation Center. Those interested can

also e-mail primecheer@gmail.com or call the Rec Center at 702-346-8732..

GYM SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Mesquite Recreation Center has announced its gym schedule.

Gym 1 (East Gym) is available for walking and basketball Monday-Saturday from 5 a.m. to close.

Gym 2 (West Gym) is open Monday-Friday for walking and basketball from 5-11 a.m. and then from 3 p.m. to close. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., all levels of pickleball are available.

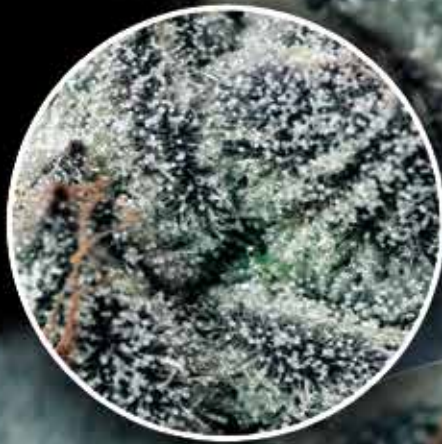
On Saturdays, walking and basketball is available from 5-8 a.m. and then from noon-6 p.m.. From 8 a.m. - noon, all levels of pickleball are available.

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FROM THE MAYOR

Small town success comes from strengths, not weakness

By Al Litman

Last month I wrote about what makes a small community successful.

I want to continue this conversation. But before I do, I want to relate an on-line thread about what some people want, and others don't. I hear constantly, "no more growth."

I also hear the opposite such as we need department stores, markets, large box stores and more. It's obvious that we can't please everyone, but we can learn from others; both from their mistakes, and their successes.

Every successful community has its own strengths and weaknesses, but they all share some common characteristics. It's clear, for instance, that successful communities involve a broad cross-section of residents in determining and planning for the future.

They also capitalize on their distinctive assets, rather than relying on government regulations. In reviewing successful communities I found that there were common elements among them. Not all communities have every characteristic, but at least three or more of the following: A vision for the future.

We have that.

An inventory of assets. We need to do this. The ability to pick and choose among development projects. The cooperation of neighbors for mutual benefit. Attention to community aesthetics. I talked about a vision. Ours is coming along as planned.

Next, we need inventory, our

community assets: natural, architectural, human, educational, economic, recreational, scenic, and more. Successful communities, then, build their plans, whether a land use plan, a tourism plan or an economic development plan around the enhancement of their existing assets.

Twenty-first century economic development focuses on what a community has, rather than what it doesn't have. Too many communities spend all their time and money on business recruitment. They build an industrial park, and then try to attract a plant, or factory, or distribution center to move there.

So far Mesquite has been fortunate to attract several large companies, but our economy could change, and not for the better. Hopefully we won't make mistakes in thinking that our economic development is about that one big industry.

We don't have the economic woes of many small cities, and that's why we need to think small in a big way. We need to build on what we already have. Interestingly, both Mesquite Gaming, and The Eureka are now going in that direction by making large investments in their properties that will take them into the future growth of Mesquite.

They are shaping their plans around existing assets. We, as a city, must do the same. We need to grow what is successful before we venture out into the unknown.

In the coming months, I'll be writing more about this subject. We already have an excellent start by setting a vision for Mesquite. We just need to not lose our direction as we pursue this vision.

Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.



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CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN



Virgin Valley baseball team streaks to state championship

By Breven Honda

Anytime a season can conclude with a dogpile or in celebration with a trophy, it is certainly a success.

That held true for the Virgin Valley High School baseball team as they defeated The Meadows School, 12-2, to win their second 3A State title in three years on May 18.

"The team, the parents, the community, just been a ton of support and it's a great thing for our school, so everyone's pretty excited," Bulldogs head coach Dan Wright said on May 20.

In the state championship game, the Mustangs scored a first inning run before the Bulldogs put up eight runs in the fourth inning and another four in the sixth to bring another state title back to Virgin Valley.

"I think we were maybe a touch nervous or a little tight at first because it's the state championship game and you've been working towards it for so long," Wright said. "After we got through the order once and they had a chance to get back there for the second time, I think nerves kind of settled, we got a few hits. They say in baseball 'Hitting is contagious,' so once things started rolling, I think it loosened everyone up and we kept it going.

"It's a very good example of how our team has been all year. We have an excellent team and we put up a lot of runs. We've always prided ourselves in that. We get better and tougher. We don't start off strong and finish weak; we like to start off strong but even finish stronger."

Bulldogs senior Kurt Felix and junior Mason Montoya each recorded three hits, including a double each, to pace the offense. Felix, who also had a triple, had two runs scored and two RBIs and Montoya scored twice and had a game-high four RBIs.

On the pitching side, senior Chandon Jensen got the start, going the first four innings. He scattered seven hits and a run before handing the ball off to Felix, who threw the final two innings.

"They both did exactly what we wanted them to do," Wright said of Felix and Jensen. "Kurt throws hard. He's one of our top-end pitchers. Chandon keeps the ball in the zone and throws strikes. We knew that Meadows would hit the ball, make contact and we needed to make some plays defensively.

"We wanted to get three or four innings out of Chandon, three or four innings out of Kurt and have Kurt close the game for us. It when pretty much as planned. So,

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Mesquite mayoral candidates make their pitch

Mesquite Monthly

The five candidates for Mesquite mayor recently answered the following three questions proposed from this newspaper.

The candidate's responses are listed in alphabetical order.

The questions are:

1. What would you like to see for Mesquite in the next four years?
2. What is the best way to accomplish this?
3. What makes you the best person to get this done?

BILL ENNIS

1 — My vision is a thriving, inclusive community where economic growth and development go hand-in-hand with improving the quality of life for all residents. I see a Mesquite that leads in business innovation, housing affordability, and community engagement. The ability to have a strong leadership team in place, to retain top city officials such as a City Manager, City Attorney and other key role positions, and to have more transparency within the city government.



2 — By leveraging my experience in executive leadership, I plan to create a business-friendly environment that not only attracts new enterprises but also supports the growth of existing ones, ensuring a thriving local economy. To bring in selected businesses that will help grow and sustain the tax base, so that a balanced budget is a true balanced budget, not having to take from one area to get a "balanced budget." I will collaborate closely with developers, non-profits and government programs to increase the supply of affordable homes, ensuring that all residents have access to quality housing options. I believe in transparent governance and plan to involve residents through regular town halls, surveys, and an open-door policy at the mayor's office,

ensuring their voices are heard and considered in all major decisions.

3 — My unique blend of leadership in large organizations, having served in the U.S. Navy for 42 years leading commands of over 4,000 personal worldwide and implementing budgets of \$375 million, and a proven track record of turning financial negatives into positives equips me with the necessary skills to bring innovative solutions and tangible results to our community's pressing issues. Along with my deep-rooted commitment to community service and extensive leadership experience, including my time in the U.S. Navy and being on the Finance Committee in Saratoga Springs, Utah, drive me to serve Mesquite. I aim to leverage my skills to enhance economic development and address our housing challenges.

RONALD GAGLIANO

1 — To make the city more transparent regarding all city business, hiring practices and eliminating the double standard that exists for new businesses. To review and revise city zoning and ordinances that are presently vague and ambiguous. To mitigate the growth that IS coming regardless of if we want it or not and to make sure it benefits all Mesquite Residents and rather than a select few. It is beyond our control, growth is coming. We need to plan now so when it gets here we are not caught unprepared.



2 — To bring in affordable housing for all who need it rather than constantly being stonewalled by special interests and city bureaucrats. I will work with city council members for the betterment of the community and use my extensive experience and knowledge to approve or deny any new developments.

To hire people with experience in the areas needed, by changing the way the city vet potential employees. To list

publicly, potential employees for upper management positions, for all to see and comment on, something that is already being done around the country.

To bring in businesses to the industrial area of town that will benefit everyone and not just those who get the land at a discounted rate.

3 — I have been a successful business owner for many years and have experienced the ups and downs along with the challenges owning a business brings. I can confidently say that if we as a population have learned anything it is that business owners make better leaders than the career politicians that stay in office only for the benefits they receive rather than the desire to better their community.

I am 64 years old and have three kids 13, 18 and 35 years old so I realize both ends of the spectrum when it comes to keeping the integrity of a retirement community as well as the needs for the younger population. Because of my businesses and dealings with the city, I have boots on the ground and have experienced the issues that come with dealing with the city. I am running for mayor because I am passionate about our community and want to make a change that will benefit all, no matter what walk of life they may currently find themselves in.

AL LITMAN

1 — In 2017, the city council, myself, and a professional facilitator spent several days brainstorming and developing a medium range vision for Mesquite that would take us to 2030. In four years, we will be nearly there. We, not just the mayor, are working towards the vision. We see Mesquite on the way to completing the following. We call this, our four pillars of success. We will have increased our housing inventory that will meet the needs of our expanding workforce, we



will have expanded our recreational and sports tourism offerings that will diversify our economy. We will have seen the completion of several large mixed use developments that will create a hub in the downtown, along with an arts district. We will have increased and enriched our existing pipelines to create a better prepared workforce. Through the expansion of the S.T.E.A.M. Center this pillar will be well underway. We will have maintained our small city character, our family values, and still be rated the safest city in Nevada. Will there be bumps in the road? Probably, but I am prepared to face them successfully in reaching our vision.

2 — The best way to accomplish this is to remain on the path to success that we started by not changing our vision until we have achieved it. Too often in the past councils forgot where they were going and became side tracked. As mayor, I will see that we remain steady in our direction so we can achieve this vision of success.

3 — In the years I have been mayor, I have never made false promises just to obtain votes. I am not under the influence of any group. I have no personal agenda to fulfill, and no special interests that would cause me to change directions. I have the experience needed to reach our vision and am a critical thinker that puts Mesquite ahead of any personal ego. Along with this is common sense. I know I have that skill set. A competent mayor must have excellent communication skills, both in writing and verbally. I have those skills. A competent mayor should have strong management skills. I have those skills, but most of all, a competent mayor must be able to relate to the people and I have those skills. The duties of the mayor bring he or she into frequent contact with government officials from local to federal. Their support is essential in maintaining a city. I have the skills to do this and have for the past 10 years.

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HIST 100	90076	Historical Issues & Contemporary Society	5:30 pm – 7:20 pm	8/26 – 12/9	Keith Cooper
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	86471	Intro to Medical Assisting	9:00 am – 10:50 am	8/26 – 10/20	Jessica Dycus
MA 107B	90019	Medical Assisting Techniques I	9:00 am – 2:50 pm	10/21 – 12/15	Fran Sherrill
MATH 120E	85672	Fundamentals of College Math Expanded	5:00 pm – 7:50 pm	8/26 – 12/9	Carol Dobson
NURS 130	84797	Nursing Assistant Clinical	9:00 am – 3:50 pm	8/27 – 12/10	Sue Hale
Thursday					
CLS 155	84173	Phlebotomy	5:30 pm – 7:50 pm	8/27 – 12/10	Sulinda Myers
COM 101	88876	Public Speaking	5:30 pm – 8:20 pm	8/29 – 12/12	LeAnn Campbell
MUS 125	89592	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
MA 104B	86471	Intro to Medical Assisting	9:00 am – 10:50 am	8/26 – 10/20	Jessica Dycus
MA 107B	90019	Medical Assisting Techniques I	9:00 am – 2:50 pm	10/21 – 12/15	Fran Sherrill
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
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HIST 100	90078	Historical Issues & Contemporary Society	5:30 pm – 7:20 pm	8/26 – 12/9	Keith Cooper

Senior Games notebook: upcoming fall season, box truck

By Breven Honda

The month of June marks a break for the Mesquite Senior Games as the summer months arrive, along with the heat.

As a result, the Mesquite Senior Games Board of Directors has three months to get ready for the fall season.

The Board of Directors, which is led by President Sandy Tudor, said the fall slate will include men's softball, golf, bocce, pickleball and bowling.

"We've got an abbreviated fall season coming up," said Tudor, who is slowly starting to begin the planning of the events in the fall.

However, for the final event of the fall season, bowling, things are coming together, even being six months away.

"We've actually already established the date with the bowling alley because we've got to book that one pretty far out because basically, they have to close the bowling alley for at least the morning that we're there," Tudor said. "So, they've been very accommodating for this coming December. As always, that will be our last event for the year."

MSG PARTICIPATES IN MESQUITE DAYS

A week after the conclusion of the spring season wrapping up with the bocce event, the Mesquite Senior Games continued its production to help, this time running the concession stand for Mesquite Days in early May.

The MSG volunteers were in attendance from May 1-3 for the pickleball tournament.

Part of being in attendance for the pickleball tournament, helping out in the concession stand selling snacks and drinks, meant also getting questions about when the fall pickleball event will be.

Tudor said pickleball players cannot wait to return to the court in the fall.

"We told the city that we do it for them because



we had done so well when we had our event," Tudor said of helping out for Mesquite Days. "People were stopping by to see if we had a date yet for our event. The pickleball people are always excited. Everybody we talked to at bocce, as we were finishing up that event, we told them we'd have it in the fall, so they were excited."

JUNE MARKS ONE YEAR OF BRINGING IN THE FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Last June, the Mesquite Senior Games added five members to its Board of Directors in Vicky Fikani, Jim Armstrong, Kara Meyers, Marge Mongolo and Krista Kilpatrick.

Over the last year, they have built themselves up to host events and provide an impact to the most recent spring season.

"The fact that Marge, and Krista and Jim all ran events as the event director for our spring events, it was so helpful and important to have these new board members," Tudor said.

Although Meyers resigned from her board position in May following the spring season, Tudor was able to fill her spot. Linda Vandervolgen has come in and is starting to get involved.

MSG BOARD STILL HAS GOALS DURING THE SUMMER, DESPITE BREAK, INCLUDING GETTING A VAN

Even though the Mesquite Senior Games is on break, there is still work to be done, especially for Tudor and the board.

In addition to reorganizing the storage unit, the MSG is looking to upgrade how they transport its supplies from the storage unit to an event or from event to event.

In the past, Tudor or another event director would rely on their own vehicles to transport any supplies, whether it is player medals, athletic supplies or shirts.

As a result, the group is looking for a 10- to 14-foot box truck to improve its function ahead of the fall games or next year's spring season.

"We want to get something like a box van where we can put all of the equipment and rather than having to go there with my truck or (Sports Director Shaun Edwards') truck and load stuff up and take it to an event and then take it down, load it back into our trucks, take it back to storage," Tudor said. "We want to be able to keep everything in that box van and just take it to the event, use it, put it back in the van and park it. There's no special licensing required or anything to drive but we'd have to buy one and get insurance and that's about it."

"We're going to be actively looking for a van this summer. If somebody has one or access to one, they could certainly give me a call."

If you are looking to donate or give your van to the Mesquite Senior Games, you can contact Tudor at (702) 345-3347 or by e-mail at mesquiteseniorgames@gmail.com.



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Mayor

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NICKLAUS MONTEY

1 — I envision Mesquite as a vibrant, inclusive community where our seniors, retirees, and families all enjoy a high quality of life, supported by low taxes, robust public safety, and thriving local businesses. Economic development will be a key focus, with efforts to attract new businesses and create local job opportunities. Enhancing public engagement and ensuring efficient use of city resources are also top priorities.



2 — To achieve this vision, we need to:

- Maintain low taxes to ease the financial burden on our residents, especially those on fixed incomes.
- Properly fund our public servants to ensure safety and efficient services.
- Balance the budget through responsible spending and reducing waste.
- Promote economic development by attracting businesses and supporting local entrepreneurs.
- Create local opportunities by fostering partnerships between the city, businesses, and community organizations.
- Ensure better use of city resources through continuous improvement and accountability.

3 — My dedication to public service, coupled with a clear understanding of Mesquite's unique needs, positions me to effectively lead our community. I bring experience in strategic planning, fiscal management, and community engagement.

My commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness will ensure that every resident feels valued and heard. Together, we can move Mesquite forward, making it an even better place to live and retire.

TERRY SPRIGGS

1 — From the various listening sessions I have held with Mesquite voters, there are three areas of concern that keep topping the list: 1) transparency in our local government. It came as a surprise to many that the City of Mesquite seems to have unfilled vacancies for important jobs such as city attorney and city manager.



According to the city's website, one of those jobs (city attorney) shows no activity on the city attorney calendar since February 2022. People have asked, where's the transparency? As your mayor, I will provide the transparency and leadership our voters are requesting. 2) Concerns about growth. Some have asked: "Is Mesquite growing too fast?" Others have asked: "Is Mesquite growing fast enough?" And some have even suggested turning Mesquite into a mini version of St George. As your Mayor, I will support growth that is well-reasoned and seeks to maintain our small-town character. 3) Concerns about housing. An 8NewsNow article from December 2023 said that Nevadans need \$13,300 more just to live like they did in 2021, according to a recent analysis. A Google search today says that in 2022, the average home buyer in the Las Vegas Valley had a monthly mortgage payment of approximately \$1,461; due to higher prices and mortgage rates, that same home as of March 2024 would now have a monthly payment of \$2,151, representing a jump of 47.2 percent. We can assume similar cost increases for Mesquite. As your mayor, my larger concern over the next four years will be a housing slowdown, and a potential economic downturn for Mesquite, and our economy as a whole. Mesquite deserves a leader who understands and is willing to factor in these important economic realities so we can position our community for success, now, and moving forward.

2 — The best path forward is in-

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Helping to find solutions instead of problems

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Maximizing retirement benefits

By Ron Bird

In retirement planning, Social Security and Medicare are indispensable components, even for those with substantial personal savings and investments. It is important to recognize that these programs provide a critical layer of security and can significantly enhance the effectiveness of a comprehensive retirement strategy.



Social Security offers a reliable income stream that complements other retirement savings, such as 401(k)s, IRAs, and personal investments. While it may not be the primary source of income for affluent retirees, it contributes to financial stability by covering essential living expenses. This allows other investments to grow or be utilized more strategically. For example, receiving Social Security benefits can reduce the need to draw down from investment accounts during market downturns, preserving capital and potentially enhancing overall wealth in the long term.

Furthermore, Social Security includes spousal and survivor benefits, adding another layer of financial security for families. By incorporating these benefits into your retirement plan, you can optimize your income strategy and ensure that your spouse is protected in the event of your passing.

Medicare, on the other hand, is vital for managing healthcare costs, which tend to rise with age

and can be unpredictable. Even for those with substantial resources, healthcare expenses can be a significant financial burden. Medicare provides comprehensive coverage that can help manage these costs effectively, preserving your savings and investments for other uses. With options to enhance coverage through Medicare Advantage or supplemental plans, retirees can customize their healthcare strategy to fit their specific needs.

Incorporating Social Security and Medicare into a retirement plan is not just about ensuring basic needs are met; it's about maximizing the efficiency of your financial resources. It is important to integrate these programs into your broader retirement strategy to achieve a balanced and secure financial future. By doing so, you can enjoy a more flexible and worry-free retirement, allowing you to focus on what truly matters – enjoying the fruits of your labor and spending time with loved ones.

If you would like to learn more about Medicare, Social Security, and the importance to maximizing your benefits, Financial Concepts will be hosting a free workshop at the Mesquite Library on June 25 at 4 p.m.

Registration is required as seating is limited. Reserve your spot today by visiting www.FCRPmesquite.com or by calling 702-346-7025. Ron Bird is an owner of Financial Concepts Retirement Planning and can be reached at 702-346-7025

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Mayor

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creased transparency. Voters have told me they want access to better, more reliable, and more informative communication. For example, the weekly video from the mayor's office, as well-meaning as it is, reaches less than 1% of our population. Over the past 12 months, viewership has averaged approximately 150 views per video, and is declining.

To improve transparency and communication, I will launch a mayor's e-mail newsletter, so you'll be able to opt-in and stay informed with regular e-mail communications.

3 — I listen. One thing I've learned during this campaign is our businesses, workers, families, and retirees want to be heard, not told. They want to be asked, not second-guessed. Mesquite wants a mayor who expects the best for our city. Someone who is prepared for the challenges that could arise over the next four years. Someone who will provide the kind of leadership Mesquite requires today, tomorrow, and moving forward. Please visit my website: MoveMesquiteForward.com to watch my video and learn more about my dedication to this amazing community we have all chosen to call home.

JESSE WHIPPLE

1 — Develop a plan for housing. Not just one type of housing, but a variety, from government-assisted housing to single-family residences and starter homes.

Further our sports tourism by maximizing the use of our facilities benefiting visitors and locals.

Work towards the development of our downtown area.

Pinpoint the needs of our citizens and target those business that could fulfill those needs.

Keep our Police and Fire Departments and other First Responders fully staffed or nearly as possible.

2 — I would like to use our land assets to get the housing we want. Whether



that be using that land for the housing or exploring options to trade it for land that would better suit our needs. Working with our local contractors and our building department to explore ways to incentivize homeownership for those looking to make their homes and careers in Mesquite.

I believe we have been neglecting our parks and recs department. I think they have great ideas about the development of our recreation tourism and I think with the right support they can thrive. With the addition of new staff and the freedom to implement new revenue generating ideas and perhaps the addition of new facilities.

I think the answer to the development of our downtown is collaboration. We need to create a plan that not only benefits the city but will also benefits the businesses that would come to the downtown. I would talk to other cities and see what's worked for them as well as work with contractors to see what the city can do to make their ventures profitable.

I would work with our citizens to see what they feel the needs of our city are. What kinds of businesses we need. Then we would develop an action plan to get those businesses to Mesquite. Mesquite has a lot to offer and I would do my best to sell those businesses on our great city.

I will work closely with Chief Andrus and Chief Chesley to assure our Police and Fire Departments have the resources they need.

3 — I have never been in politics and I will have a lot to learn. I'm sure I will make mistakes and fail; I have done that before and I know how to learn from setbacks and keep going. I'm willing to learn and to work with our great city council and city employees to get things done. In business I'm always trying to get the most for my money and I will take the same approach as mayor. My approach would be to work with businesses to get what we want first, and spend tax payer money second. I feel my greatest strength is my ability to work with others, I know I'm not always right and I'm willing to go with the best ideas. I grew up in this city, I love this city, and I am invested in this city.

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Baseball

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it's always nice when a plan comes together.”

In the state tournament, Virgin Valley defeated Churchill County and Spring Creek, the top two teams from the 3A Northern division, 11-0 and 10-1, respectively, before the third matchup of the season against The Meadows School.

The state title win marked their third 10-run victory of the season against the Mustangs after a 14-4 win to secure the 3A South Regional title on May 10 and a 10-0 win during the regular season on April 15.

Although Virgin Valley ran away with the score in all three games of the state tournament, Wright said it was not a piece of cake.

“Every single one of those games, the first three or four innings were close, and then we were challenged,” Wright said. “Churchill County had a really good pitcher, throwing close to 90 miles per hour. Every one of those games was competitive and was a battle, especially the first three, four or five innings.”

Not only did Virgin Valley get to cap off the season by claiming the trophy, but they got to end the season by winning 31 straight games as their only loss came in the season opener at Durango, who would go on to win the 4A State Championship.

Playing against higher competition is always the goal

when it comes to scheduling to prepare not only for league play, but also the playoffs.

“After that game, it wasn't like the emergency bells ringing and we're all worried about it,” Wright said after playing Durango. “We thought, ‘Okay, we lost to a good team. We'll get better and let's just keep going.’ It was all part of the plan to play tough competition, win or lose, and get better from it either way.”

“It is kind of neat to see how from there on, we got better and grew and kept going. It's really special to put together that kind of winning streak for sure.”

This was a Bulldogs offense in 2024 that scored 396 runs, while the pitching and defense only allowed 50 runs.

Wright was more focused on the 50 runs allowed than scoring nearly 400 runs.

“One of our priorities was to pitch and play defense and I think it'd be safe to say that our defense was probably the most improved over the year,” he said. “We focused on that a lot and really got to the point where that came to pride for us where we were committed to play good defense. The boys really rallied around it and put a lot of effort into playing good defense.”

As the season draws to a close, Wright understands how much of a group effort it is to win a state championship both on and off the field.

Whether it is through the commitment the players

put in all year long, both on the diamond and in the weight room, to the support the program receives, hoisting the trophy on the final day of the season puts a smile on everyone's face that had even the smallest of effects to the Bulldogs.

“The outpouring of community support and the family support, it's probably been my favorite part is knowing how positively it impacts our school and our community,” Wright said. “People are really excited about what we accomplished and to see the happiness and joy in the players eyes, too, it's awesome. These kids will forever be state champions, and no one can take that away from them.”

ALSO...

The Virgin Valley High School boys volleyball team was the runner-up in their 3A state tournament. The volleyball team, which secured the 3A Desert regular season and regional titles, came up just short in the championship match, losing in three sets to Boulder City, the top team from the Mountain Division, 19-25, 18-25, 20-25. The Bulldogs defeated Western and Coral Las Vegas in three and four sets, respectively, to reach the finals.

The Virgin Valley High school boys and girls swim team earned the 3A Nevada Academic State Championship honor for the success in the classroom and the pool.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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. Library closed on Feb. 19

Coloring for Adults: 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. 702-346-5224. Library closed on Feb. 19

Homework Help: Available by Request for the Summer

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.

Homework Help: Available by Request for the Summer

WEDNESDAYS

Library closed, June 19.

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: Available by Request for the Summer

Kids' Artsy Craft Club: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., A new art technique is taught every week, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

Rotary Club: 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. E-mail questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

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: 3:00 - 5:00 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: Available by Request for the Summer

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

Bilingual Family Time: 10 a.m. and 3:00 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. dinner; 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, JUNE 6

What's Happening Mesquite: 8-9:30 a.m., Mesquite Elks Lodge, 545 Riverside Drive. If you want to be "in the know" of what's happening in Mesquite, be sure to show up. \$15, includes breakfast. Call 702-346-2902.

Blood Drive: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Lutheran Church, 450 Turtleback Road. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org with code 89027. Call 877-256-4825.

Talewise Science Heroes: 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Science and stories collide in this all-new, interactive STEAM show. Call 702-346-5224.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

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, JUNE 8

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

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Wesley Bell Ringers concert slated at First Baptist Church

Mesquite Monthly

The Wesley Bell Ringers will perform at First Baptist Church on Saturday, June 8 at 6 p.m. This will be the first concert on the choir's 58th annual summer tour and will feature 16 teenage ringers playing more than 150 handbells and handchimes.

In 1963, The Wesley Bell Ringers, a music ministry of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, began with 9 youth ringers and 25 bells. From the very beginning membership in the choir has been open to any youth dedicated to learning the art of handbell ringing and caring for their fellow ringers.

Fast forward 60 years! The 16 current ringers are the most recent of more than 500 youth who have participated in the choir. The experience and dedication has never changed. The choir developed a reputation for musical excellence that continues to open doors to exciting opportunities.

The previous 57 summer tours have taken the choir to all 50 states and all but one of the Canadian provinces. They have performed at the US Capitol, Cathedral of the Pines National Monument, Mt. Rushmore, George Washington

Masonic Memorial, Disneyland and Disneyworld. The choir has participated as the featured choir at numerous handbell festivals around the United States, and performed for The National Music Educators convention.

Performances with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Utah Symphony Orchestra have been repeated honors over the choir's history. In 2017, the choir was invited to record with The Piano Guys on their album Christmas Together.

This year, the choir is thrilled to be invited to perform a solo concert as the featured youth choir at the Ringing Up! Festival on June 15th, hosted by Area 11 of the Handbell Musicians of America in Salt Lake City, UT.

Highlights from the 2024 summer concert include Disney's "Go The Distance," Léon Boëllmann's "Toccata from Suite Gothique," Sondra "Tucker's "Christmas Kaleidoscope," and commissioned selections from noted handbell composers Kevin McChesney and Joel Raney.

First Baptist Church is located at 830 E. Hafen Lane. Admission to the concert is free and a free will offering will be collected if attendees would like to support the choir.

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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.

Pride Crawl 24: 5-9 p.m. Hosted by Iona Trailer. Hop on the shuttle and the hosts will do the rest. Tickets: www.LFCrawl24.eventbrite.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10

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, JUNE 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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.

Mesquite Chamber of Commerce luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Cucina Ristorante, 471 Mesquite Blvd. Program TBD. Members \$30, non-members \$40. 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.

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.

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, Emil hrbsue@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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.

Magician John Lewit: 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. An ocean-themed magic show full of audience participations Call 702-346-5224.

Blood Drive: 2-6 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org with code 89027. Call 877-256-4825.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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

Cricut Craft Club: 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Leaning Resource Center. Come out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

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Travel Guide Workshop: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Go through the process of planning your trip. Info: 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

AARP Driver's Safety Class: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Senior Center, 102 Old Mill Road. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Call 702-346-5290.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Artists Reception: 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Reception for the What Makes Me Happy exhibit. 702-346-1338.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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

Learn more about using your Cricut and Cricut Design Space. Info: 702-346-5224.

Creating Mandelas with Bonnie Kelso: 11 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Experience the joy of creating in a mindful, peaceful way. Info: 702-346-5224.

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - noon-5 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Adult Prom and Drag Show: 7 p.m., Envy Nightclub and Lounge, 792 W. Pioneer Blvd. Hosted by Anita Phat Muffin and D'Wanno Catch. Tickets: www.LFProm24.eventbrite.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

First Responders Charity Golf Tournament: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Conestoga Golf Club, 1499 Falcon Ridge Parkway. Fourth annual "Best of the Best" First Responders charity golf tournament. Call 775-385-5925 or email kenny@eaglesland-ingmgmt.com

Daytime Paint Party: 10 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Create a stunning ocean-

themed painting under the guidance of Christine Picior. Info: 702-346-5224.

Vanessa Maciel Traditional Hispanic Crafts: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Resource Center. Free and open to the public, first-come, first-served. Info: 702-346-5224.

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, JUNE 23

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

Social Security and Medicare Workshop: 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Free workshop sponsored by Financial Concepts. Register at FCRPinsurance.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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.

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. Visit

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Legacy Racing: Off-Road Event: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Casablanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Come meet the racers, see their vehicles and get free swag. www.legacyracing.net

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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ety Show: 6 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St., Family friendly, hosted by Mrs. Las Vegas Pride 2024 Auntie Norma. Tickets www.mctnv.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Brown Bag Cultural Series: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Program TBA. 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.



The Mesquite Police Department had the honor of participating in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran’s Park. The Mesquite Veteran’s Center once again organized an excellent event to commemorate those in the armed forces who have died protecting our great nation. (Mesquite PD)

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