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The annual Mudd Volleyball tournament is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Mesquite Rotary Club. It takes place Sept. 21 at the Eureka Resort.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### VIRGIN VALLEY DAR SPONSORING BELLS ACROSS AMERICA

Constitution Week is coming up. The Virgin Valley Chapter-DAR is once again sponsoring Bells Across America on Sept. 17.

This is the day where we will join the rest of the country in ringing bells to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States!

Come out to the Veterans Memorial Park on Sept. 17 at 12:15 p.m. After a patriotic program we will be ringing bells at 1 p.m. sharp.

### ‘PATSY & COUSIN SHELVIS SHOW SLATED AT THEATRE

The Mesquite Community Theatre is hosting “Patsy & Cousin Shelvis,” a variety show hosted by Van Dyke Presents, on Sept. 14 at 2 p.m.

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chased at the Mesquite Community Theatre box office, 50 N. Yucca St. Suite 22. Box office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m.

Those interested can also visit the website [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com) or call 702-345-4499.

### YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS SEPT. 17

The Mesquite Athletics & Leisure Service has announced the youth flag football program kicks off Sept. 17 and continues through Oct. 8.

Games will be played Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at the Recreation Center west fields.

Skills day/t-shirt pickup is scheduled Sept. 17. Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members.

There are three age divisions. Ages 4-5 will play at 5:15 or 6 p.m.; Ages 6-8 will play at 6 or 6:45 p.m.; and Ages 9-11 will play at 7:30 p.m.

There are limited spots available.

To register, go to [www.mesquitenv.activitiesreg.com](http://www.mesquitenv.activitiesreg.com) or visit the recreation center at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

Those interested can also call 702-346-8732.

### HOME COMING PARADE SLATED SEPT. 19

Gather the entire family and come join the fun and entertainment on Thursday, Sept. 19, and be a part of the excitement of the Annual Virgin Valley Homecoming Parade with the theme being “HOCOHELLA”

Thursday evening, get your spot early along the parade route as traffic will be diverted off of the boulevard from Woodbury to Sandhill at 4:45 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and some refreshments to stay hydrated and enjoy the parade. The parade will head east on Mesquite Boulevard on

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*Mesquite PD*

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Our amazing Watchdog Volunteers Larry, Jeff and Wes donate time every day at Virgin Valley Elementary School to ensure traffic flows smoothly, the kids arrive safely, and help the SROs look out for any suspicious activity. Their many volun-

teer hours have been a huge help to MPD and school staff.

MPD Crossing Guards John, Diana and Jeffrey also play a crucial part in keeping our kids safe as they bike and walk to school.

You'll find them watching over the crosswalks at Hafen Lane and Grapevine Road, Mesquite Boulevard and Thistle Street and Sandhill Boulevard and Old Mill Road. Be sure to stop when they're holding up that big red sign and give them a wave and a thank you for helping the little ones cross these busy streets safely!

## Briefs

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the south side lanes (City Hall side) of the street.

Just a reminder, please stay off the medians.

Friday, Sept. 20, come and enjoy the Homecoming football game at the Dog Pound Stadium 7 p.m. at Virgin Valley High School. The Bulldogs will play Pahrump Valley.

### 'A GIFT OF SONG' A LIVE MUSICAL JOURNEY

Bryan Richards with special guest Linden Olson will perform "A Gift of Song" on Sept. 21 at the Mesquite Community Theatre, 50 N. Yucca St., Suite 22.

The show will be a celebration of

music, featuring contemporary/pop, classic rock, jazz and Broadway.

Cost is \$25 for reserved seating and \$20 general admission. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com) or by call 702-345-4499.

### EUREKA EVENT FEATURES RAIDERS GREAT TIM BROWN

Former Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown will visit the Eureka Resort on Sept. 27 for a question and answer session.

Brown was a Heisman Trophy winner, nine-time Pro Bowl selection and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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## FROM THE MAYOR

## There are a lot of hurdles new businesses must face

By Al Litman

There has been a lot of discussions for a long time as to why business fails in Mesquite.

Over the 20-plus years I have lived here, I have seen a number of, what I thought, successful businesses thrive for a short time, and then suddenly close their doors. Usually no reason was given. Here one day, gone the next. Many times, the city was somehow blamed, or at least partially blamed for the failure.

I like to do research, and took a good look at a number of reasons small businesses fail, and how to avoid these failures.

To start with, the majority of small businesses fail within the first 10 years of operation, but why? Lets look at some reasons for failure. First of all there is often a lack of planning. Where do you want your business to be in your first year? How about in five years? It's important to re-evaluate your business at least every two months to see what's working well, and change anything that needs to be modified to keep you on track.

Choice of location is one of the most important decisions you can make when setting up a new business. Is there foot traffic if you are a retail store? How about the available parking? Is there room to expand if necessary, or will you have to re-locate? Are you entering the market without a solid business plan?

Just because you can grill a good steak, does not mean you know how to operate a restaurant. A good business plan should include a market analysis including pitfalls and opportunities, competitor analysis, a marketing plan, including a target customer profile.

You want to revisit your plan often

and review each part to make sure you are heading in the right direction. Many small businesses fail because of poor pricing strategy. Setting the right price for your goods or services is a delicate challenge, but is essential as a small business. Your prices need to be high enough to cover all expenses and allow you to make a profit, but low enough to attract an adequate customer base.

I know it's difficult with sudden inflation, and supply line interruptions as well as increased employee costs, but it must be calculated in. Another item to look at is insufficient funds. You may have enough capital to start with, but you need to factor in licenses, materials, taxes, insurance, labor, and the unexpected costs of replacing equipment when a sudden failure occurs, and believe me, from experience, it does fail, when you are least prepared.

Related to insufficient funds are cash flow problems. Mesquite slows down considerably in the hot summers. Are you prepared with cash in reserve? In Mesquite, it is necessary in many cases for a small business to budget for the assured summer slowdown in nearly every small business.

Poor debt management is often the cause of small business failure. Strong credit is necessary when you have a small business. If you delay paying your suppliers, or credit cards, it becomes more difficult to find companies that will supply you with the needed goods to stay stocked.

Interestingly, there was a number of comments about small business failures on local social media, with lots of opinions as to the reasons a local business appears to be failing. It's complicated, and needs to be carefully analyzed before conclusions are made.

Next month, I'll continue with additional reasons small businesses fail, and talk a little about what's happening in both the retail world as well as the restaurant industry.

Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.



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## Dispatcher Bennett picked as Best of the Badge by Mesquite PD

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Dispatcher Mike Bennett has been awarded the Best of the Badge award for July 2024 by the Mesquite Police Department.

Bennett has been with the city for 31 years and his knowledge and experience play a key role in the success of the MPD Dispatch center.

Throughout his time at the department, he has trained several new dispatchers and helped them develop crucial skills to be able to handle the stress of the job, and he continues to be a source of expertise and guidance for all dispatchers.

More recently, a 911 outage hit while Bennett was working but he didn't let that added stress affect him or his co-workers as they had to re-route incoming calls. He coordinated with several service providers and was able to help restore the 911 lines quickly.

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# Two Mesquite Rotary clubs announce merger, prepares for 10th Mudd Volleyball event

By Breven Honda

In the last 15 years, Mesquite has been home to two Rotary clubs – the Mesquite Rotary Club and the Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club.

On July 1, the two clubs joined forces with a merger.

This comes after many years of conversations and nailing out the fine print between the two clubs.

Mesquite Rotary Club President Linda Gault said those conversations were not easy.

“It was challenging of course because we had people in each club that didn’t want to change their meeting times and some of them liked going to an early morning meeting and others preferred the noon time,” said Gault, who has been the club’s president since June 30, 2021. “So, it has taken us literally years of finally getting everyone on the same page.”

Once the calendar turned to July, conversations then continued to the next step of the new Mesquite Nevada Rotary.

Gault said they needed to churn out both of the club’s rules and regulations to have one constitution.

“So effective July 1, we were able to go through our bylaws for both clubs and put together new bylaws and work with our district office in Las Vegas and get their approval for us to do this,” said Gault, who was also the Rotary Club president for the Laramie, Wyoming, chapter in 2007-08 before moving to Mesquite. “We had to get Rotary International’s approval in Illinois to allow us to merge the clubs. So that’s this is a process that takes time. And we were finally able to do it.”

One of the big conversation subjects was the date time of their annual meetings. The Sunrise Rotary Club had its meetings at 7:30 a.m. while the Mesquite Rotary Club had its meeting at noon. This was due



to the time the members of each respective club were able to meet because of work or other needs.

After the discussions, the two clubs agreed on a meeting date of every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The weekly meetings take place at the Mesquite Library.

One of the benefits from Gault’s perspective is there is more straightforwardness when it comes to talking about being part of the local Rotary Club.

“We’re pleased with the merger,” Gault said. “Mesquite’s still small enough that having two Rotary Clubs was somewhat confusing for people because if you said, ‘Oh, you were in the Rotary Club,’ they weren’t sure whether it was the

morning club or the noon club.’ So, by merging, we’ve hopefully simplified that for everyone, and they understand that there’s just one club now. I think that’s been a very positive move for us.”

As the simplification is ongoing, the future that lies ahead for the club is also a point of focus, whether is new club members or fresh, evolving ideas.

“Membership growth is always something that I think most clubs want to pursue,” Gault said. “You want to have new people coming into your club with new ideas and new energy that could contribute to what your mission is. So that’s a huge one, zeroing in on fundraisers that have been successful in the past

and give us the opportunity then to give back to the community, which is really what rotary is all about.”

Despite merging, there has not been much of an adjustment because of how alike the two clubs were. Both clubs had the mission statement of “One Club, One Mission: Service Above Self!”

As a result, Gault has noticed it has been smooth sailing since the merger.

“We each ran our club pretty much the same as far as our meetings and how we handle things,” she said. “There hasn’t been much variation from what we’ve had in the past for either club. We’re still going to do

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# MSG gets new box truck, continues prep for fall slate

By Breven Honda

During the last couple of months, the hiatus for the Mesquite Senior Games has still been filled with work to do.

Although the club has not hosted any games since the spring season in April, work continues to be done.

One of things on the “things to do list” was to get a box truck. The Mesquite Senior Games purchased a box truck on July 30.

Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said the board can't wait to use it. However, the truck is still a few steps away be-

fore it is serviceable.

“We're pretty excited although there needs some work that needs to be done,” Tudor said on Aug. 27. “We're going to have to wrap it. But we won't really be using it this fall. We've got to get some cabinets or shelving so that we can store stuff. We're really excited about not having to take stuff out of storage, haul it to the venue and then haul it back.”

The goal for the box truck is to have it for events that need a lot of supplies, primarily for track and field events in the spring.

As the Mesquite Senior Games

is getting the box truck ready, they are preparing for the fall season, which begins next month with the 2-person bocce event on Oct. 1-2 at Sun City Recreation Center.

Entering September, the bocce event is full, with 14 teams lining the field. To get on the waitlist to participate, the registration deadline is Sept. 22.

Beginning on Oct. 4 through 15, competition begins on the diamond for the men's softball event between Pioneer Park and Hunter Park. There are 19 teams that will be coming from all across the country as they also prepare for the Huntsman

World Senior Games a few days after their respective tournament.

The Pickleball event, which begins one week after the final softball tournament, currently has 35, two-person teams at the Mesquite Recreation Center Old Mill Pickleball Courts. For those possibly interested in competing in pickleball, they will also have to set up an account with pickleballbrackets.com. The registration deadline is Oct. 11.

The two-person scramble golf tournament is at the end of next

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70+, 79+, 84+	Oct. 12-13
50+, 55+	Oct. 14-15
<u>Pickleball</u>	Oct. 21-23
<u>Golf Tournament</u>	Oct. 30 (Coyote Willows GC)
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The Mesquite Fire Department recently swore in Terran Leavitt as captain, Carmela Patai as paramedic firefighter and Blake Bush as firefighter EMT. Leavitt has been with Mesquite Fire Rescue for nine years, Patai was hired in January, and Bush in July. (Mesquite Fire Department photo)

## Rotary

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community outreach, service projects and fundraisers and that type of thing, and use monies that we raise in the community for various things.

“Both clubs had pretty much the same vision and mission,” Gault said. “So, there hasn’t been a drastic change for either one of us.”

One of the fundraisers that the Mesquite Nevada Rotary plans is its yearly Mudd Volleyball event behind the Eureka Casino. This year marks the 10th year of the tournament, which is scheduled to take place on Sept. 23 behind the Eureka Casino.

Entering the month of September, there have been about 20 teams that have signed up. The tournament committee has extended the registration deadline to increase the number of teams.

“We’d love to get back up to the 30-, 32-team mark and the price stayed the same,” Gault said when it came to pushing back the deadline. “It’s \$40 a player, and we have to have six players per game, per team. There can be one alternate person also at an additional \$40 and they will get

a t shirt. The fire department, the association guys are going to be there to grill hamburgers and hot dogs. We have a drink truck called Fizzology that will be there. We’ve chosen not to change things out this year.”

The reason for keeping the same things this year is because the Eureka Casino is expected to make some changes to the area where the volleyball event takes place. So, after the volleyball event takes place, the Rotary Club will be looking for a new venue in 2025.

“I think we can find ways to even make it better, especially with our changes, with a change in location and everything you know, it’ll open up some different opportunities for us to make some positive, some good changes, some fun changes,” Gault said of the upcoming fluctuations.

As a result, the Mesquite Nevada Rotary Club is sticking to the status quo this year with volleyball, fun, food and the DJ.

Furthermore, for those players and teams making their return to the court, they cannot wait to get back out there.

“They are looking forward to it. They are eager,” Gault said.

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## Red Cross faces national blood shortage

As the American Red Cross continues to face a national blood shortage, hurricanes and severe weather in other parts of the country continue to cancel blood drives frustrating efforts to rebuild the nation's blood supply. The recent impact of Hurricane Debby caused more blood drives to be canceled, intensifying an already critical supply deficit.

These cancellations underscore the urgent need for increased blood donations both nationally and in Southern Nevada. "Given the milder weather in Southern Nevada, we're asking our community members to schedule an appointment and donate blood," said Rachel Flanigan,

executive director of the American Red Cross Southern Nevada Chapter. "The high number of cancellations has continued to strain the Red Cross blood supply."

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By Andrew Bird

September marks Life Insurance Awareness Month, a dedicated time to emphasize the importance of life insurance in financial planning. Despite its significance, many Americans overlook or underestimate the value of life insurance, which can provide critical financial security for loved ones in the event of an untimely death. This month serves as a reminder to review your coverage, understand its benefits, and ensure it aligns with your long-term financial goals.



Life insurance offers more than just a death benefit. It can be a cornerstone of financial security, helping to cover funeral expenses, pay off debts, replace lost income, and ensure that your family's standard of living is maintained. For those with young children, life insurance can fund future education costs, while for others, it might be a tool for estate planning or leaving a legacy.

One of the key reasons people avoid purchasing life insurance is the misconception that it's too expensive. However, according to in-

dustry studies, many overestimate the cost by as much as three times. In reality, life insurance can be surprisingly affordable, especially when purchased at a younger age or in good health. There are various types of policies to suit different needs and budgets, from term life insurance, which provides coverage for a specific period, to whole life or universal life policies, which can also build cash value over time.

During Life Insurance Awareness Month, take the time to assess your current life insurance needs. Consider how much coverage is necessary to protect your family's financial future and what type of policy best suits your situation.

Consulting with a financial advisor can help clarify these choices and ensure you're making the best decision for your unique circumstances.

In conclusion, life insurance is a vital component of a comprehensive financial plan. Life Insurance Awareness Month is the perfect opportunity to revisit this important aspect of your financial well-being and take action to secure your loved ones' future.

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month at Coyote Willows. There is still time to register and compete with the registration deadline being Oct. 23.

As the dates have been lined up for the participants, board member Beth Caplinger has begun to reach out for volunteer help for those four events.

"She sent out an email to all

of our volunteers with the dates and asking who is going to be available when," Tudor said of Caplinger. "Although we don't know exactly how many volunteers we'll need at the events until we know how many athletes we'll have."

The registration for the end-of-year bowling event, which takes place in December, will not be coming out until November.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## 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 3-5 p.m.**

### 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.

**Tyler's Drawing and Creativity Class:** 2-4 p.m. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$10. Every Tuesday, bring your creative side and join Tyler Roylance and friends for a good drawing experience. No need to sign up, just show up. Call 702-346-1338.

**Homework Help Available 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

### 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 work-

sheets. 702-346-5224.

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

**Homework Help Available 3-5 p.m.**

**Mesquite Rotary:** 5:30 p.m. Meets every Wednesday at the Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. For more information, call 725-253-0288 or email [RotaryClubofMesquiteNV@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryClubofMesquiteNV@gmail.com)

### THURSDAYS

**Al-Anon Family Group:** 10:30 a.m., 150 Yucca St., Suite 35A. Al-Anon Family Group is back with weekly meetings.

**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](mailto: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:** 3-5 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.

**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

**Homework Help Available 3-5 p.m.**

### FRIDAYS

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**Mesquite Lutheran Church**

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Sunday 8:30 a.m.	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Weekly Communion</i>
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# The God of the Brokenhearted

By Pastor Christopher Wall

Broken—this is what many of us are and how many of us feel, regardless of whether we are willing to admit it. Perhaps we have faced innumerable losses, disappointments, and pains. Maybe it feels as though every day is a struggle to get up and find purpose. First, allow me to speak about the purpose of life. Better yet, allow the Westminster divines to speak to it: “Man’s chief end (purpose) is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.”



Scripture tells us this about God: Psalm 34:18, “Yahweh is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Or how about this passage that Jesus would later quote regarding the purpose of His coming:

Isaiah 61:1, “The Spirit of Lord Yahweh is upon me, because Yahweh has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release to captives and freedom to prisoners.” (cf. Luke 4:18-19)

We see throughout Scripture, both by explicit mention and implicit results, that God is intimately acquainted with our pain and cares

for us deeply in the midst of it. Now, perhaps you have felt like I have—that feeling that God is a million miles away in our times of pain. The truth is, nothing could be further from the truth.

We can feel all we want, but the reality, as presented in Scripture, outweighs our subjective feelings. The truth is, we must come to grips with life as Job did. Job was a man who suffered immense loss—loss of family, health, and wealth. Literally everything material, Job lost. And yet, listen to the words of Job: “Though He slay me, I will hope in Him...” (Job 13:15).

These are not the words of a man with small faith. These are the words of a man who has seen the true nature and character of God and is happy to submit himself to Him.

The truth is, we will not always understand the plans and purposes of God, but we can be sure that He is working all things together for good to those who love Him (Rom. 8:28). Trust God today! Bring your sin and broken heart to the foot of the cross and find a wonderful Savior in Jesus Christ. And remember, God cares for you, the brokenhearted.

*Chris Wall is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church (742 W. Pioneer Blvd. Mesquite, NV 89027)—Additional resources can be found at “[mesquitebaptistchurchnv.com](http://mesquitebaptistchurchnv.com)” and on YouTube and Instagram at “[mesquitebaptistchurchnv](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)”*

## Upcoming Washington County events

September TBD - Reopening of the St. George Tabernacle for tours and performances.

Sept. 7 is the National Day of Service. Lots of projects will be happening all over Washington County. The Interfaith Council also has a project they are doing. Food drives, trail clean up and others. The service projects are posted on [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org).

Sept. 14 is the Dia de Hispanidad

(Resource Fair) Comida Gratis. Musica. 11-3 p.m. at Hurricane Community Center.

Sept. 30 is the JustServe Community Volunteer Fair at the Utah Tech University Gardner Ballroom. 3-7 p.m. More than 30 booths of nonprofits hoping to engage community members to sign up with these organizations and volunteer. Building unity through community service. <https://www.justserve.org/>

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**Family 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. 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.

## 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, SEPT. 5

**What's Happening Mesquite:** 8-9:30 a.m., Cinnamon Cafe, 555 Highland Drive. \$15, includes breakfast. Chamber members only. Call 702-346-2902.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

**Palette & Pour Party:** Night Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Rita K. Fulmer at 574-315-0120 or email ritakfulmer@gmail.com

**CasaPoolooza:** 7-10:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Free, 21 and older. The M-80's will bring their rockin' new wave sound from the 80s.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite

Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Nowhere Special." Call 702-346-5224.

**CasaPoolooza:** 7-10:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Free, 21 and older. The Blockbusters offer sounds of the 90s.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

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

## MONDAY, SEPT. 9

**Basket Weaving:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration not required. Call Doreen Kincaid at 702-345-3098 or email kraftytpl@pikx.com.

**Junk Journal Club:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N St. Interested in learning about junk journaling, or want to work with other likeminded individuals and trade supplies and techniques? Come check out our club! Free and open to the public!

**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, SEPT. 10

**Android Phone Class:** 10:15-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N. St. Review basic settings (Wi-Fi, sound, screen bright-

ness), how to block unwanted calls, texting and more. Free and open to the public. Call 702-346-5224.

**Virtual Author Series, Garrett Graff:** 11a.m.-noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Graff will speak about his body of work, "The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11" and "When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day." Call 702-346-5224.

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

**Mesquite Fine Arts Photographic Society Meeting:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Program TBA. Call 702-346-1338.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

**9/11 Memorial Service:** 9 a.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. The police and fire honor guards will take part in the service. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. and bring your own chair.

**Watercolor Intermediate:** 9 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**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.

**Watercolor Beginners:** 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom,

15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**Book Bingo:** 1:30-3:30 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 Hafan Lane, Meetings the second Wednesday of each month. For information: call 530-966-5363, email hrbsue@yahoo.com.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

**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.

**Fused Glass Drop In:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration is not required. Call Pam Jacobson, 303-910-4542 or email pam.jacobson74@gmail.com.

**Palette & Pour Party, Another Day in Paradise:** 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Rita K. Fulmer at 574-315-0120 or email ritakfulmer@gmail.com

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

**Get Smart with Art:** 10 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A free class for ages 8-14. Explore differ-

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ent elements of art, mediums, applications and techniques. Call Wendy Douglas at 435-230-4748 or email redsalt dough@yahoo.com

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

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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

## MONDAY, SEPT. 16

**Mesquite Public Arts Committee:** 10 a.m., Mesquite City Council Chambers, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Committee's purpose is to "encourage and enhance artistic expression and appreciation and to add value to the community through acquiring, exhibiting and maintaining public art."

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

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

**Bells Across American:** 12:30-1:30 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, 501 Hillside Drive. Bell ringing at 1 p.m. Bells will be available for donation, or bring your own. Bring a lawn chair in which to sit.

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

**Town Hall Meeting:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. NV Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Call 702-346-5224.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

**Watercolor Intermediate:** 9 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

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

**Virtual Author Series, Nate Kemp:** 11 a.m.-noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Kemp talks about the core tenets of his new book,

"Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World." Call 702-346-5224.

**Watercolor Beginners:** 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**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, SEPT. 19

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Schedule at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

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

**Stay Smart with Art, Card-making:** 6:30-8 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Artist Char Lang instructs this card making class. Call Lucille Lindberg at 208-520-7711 or email loesjego@yahoo.com.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

**Super Run Car Show:** All day, CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. The free event features vintage and new cars, custom automobiles and beloved classics. The event is sponsored by the Las Vegas Cruisin' Association. For details, visit [super-run.com](http://super-run.com).

**Desert Doodles Drop-In Group:** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Bring out your inner weirdness with this free group (limited to 15 participants). Call or email Joyce Redweik at 951-805-3759 or [joyceredweik@gmail.com](mailto:joyceredweik@gmail.com).

**Cricut Design Spaces:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Leaning Resource Center. Come out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** noon - 5 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center. Schedule at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

**Fused Glass Drop In:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration is not required. Call Pam Jacobson, 303-910-4542 or email [pam](mailto:pam).

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## SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

**Super Run Car Show:** All day, Casablanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. The free event features vintage and new cars, custom automobiles and beloved classics. The event is sponsored by the Las Vegas Cruisin' Association. For details, visit superrun.com.

**Virgin Valley History:** 11 a.m. - noon., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. In partnership with the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum, explore different historical aspects of the local area. 702-346-5224.

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

**Virtual Author Series, Li-ane Moriarty:** 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Best-selling author Moriarty chats about her new novel, "Here One Moment." Call 702-346-5224.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

**Super Run Car Show:** All day, Casablanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. The free event features vintage and new cars, custom automobiles and beloved classics. The event is sponsored by the Las Vegas Cruisin' Association. For details, visit superrun.com.

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

## MONDAY, SEPT. 23

**Blood Drive:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. . Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org with code 89027. Call 877-256-4825.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

**All Dolled Up:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 1880 Grille, Conestoga Golf Club, 1449 Falcon Ridge Parkway. Mes-

quite-Toes annual fall fashion show and champagne luncheon. \$45 ticket includes raffle, door prizes and entertainment. Tickets available at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center or from any Mesquite=Toes member.

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

**Watercolor Intermediate:** 9 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**Watercolor Beginners:** 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**Digital Memories Preservation LabWorkshop:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library learning center, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learn how to digitize your old memories. Free and open to the public. Call 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.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

**Nevada Secretary of State Fraud Seminar:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join the Nevada Secretary of State Securities Division in learning how to protect yourself from Fraud, Con Schemes, and Investment Scams. Call 702-346-5224.

**Medicare 101:** 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join to find the best plan for you, discover extra benefits and savings. Call 702-346-5224.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

**Fused Glass Drop In:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Regis-

tration is not required. Call Pam Jacobson, 303-910-4542 or email pam.jacobson74@gmail.com.

**Palette & Pour Party:** Higgins: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Rita K. Fulmer at 574-315-0120 or email ritakfulmer@gmail.com

**Raiders Legend Tim Brown Q&A:** 6-8 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd. The public is invited to this free event for a question and answer session with former Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

**Virgin Valley Artists Campus Expansion:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. New building tours, free light lunch, raffles.

**Artists Reception:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. The exhibit is the VVAA Invitational that features various groups and organizations throughout Nevada and Utah.

**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, SEPT. 29

**Sensory Sensitive Children's Movie:** 1 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, SEPT. 30

**Book Bingo:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

**Kids Bingo:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 1

**Mesquite Book Club:** 10-11 a.m.,

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.

**Android Phone Class:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Review basic settings (Wi-Fi, sound, screen brightness), how to block unwanted calls, texting and more. Free and open to the public. Call 702-346-5224.

**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.

**Mesquite Nevada Patriots:** 5:30 p.m., Veteran's Center, 840 Hafan Lane. Doors open at 5 p.m. Ballot questions, candidates and Lydia Dominquez running for the School Board will speak.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

**Watercolor Intermediate:** 9 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

**Virtual Author Series, Scientists from the Smithsonian Topical Research Institute:** 11a.m.-noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Three Smithsonian-affiliated scientists teach about the remarkable world of tropical bats. Call 702-346-5224.

**Watercolor Beginners:** 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

# PUZZLES

## THEME: THE 1930S

### ACROSS

1. Doorframe part
5. \*The Swing Era or \_\_\_\_ Band Era
8. T-cell killer, acr.
11. Arabian chieftain
12. Actress Sorvino
13. Excessively fat
15. Chore list
16. Second word in fairytale?
17. Doled out cards
18. \*1933 movie monster (2 words)
20. Eyeball
21. Golf aid
22. French vineyard
23. \*Larry or Curly or Moe
26. Between delta and zeta
30. \_\_\_\_ B vaccine
31. CIPHERING machine
34. Kind
35. Black and white cookies
37. \_\_\_\_ chi
38. Fender bender consequences
39. Light beige
40. \*First white chocolate manufacturer
42. Grasp
43. Elbow room, to a ship (2 words)
45. Teenagers' emotions
47. Belly
48. East Indian pepper
50. Buzzing pest
52. \*Prairie crisis (2 words)
55. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
56. "If all \_\_\_\_ fails..."
57. Solomon-like
59. Boatload
60. Lab gel
61. Enthusiasm
62. Finale
63. Grazing land
64. Blood vessel network

### DOWN

1. Blue Angel
2. In a frenzy
3. Calf-length skirt
4. Ford option
5. Two-footed mortar support
6. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
7. \*Al Capone's Chicago Outfit, e.g.
8. Mend, healthwise
9. Small island
10. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
12. \*Shenyang (China) in 1931
13. O in B.O., pl.
14. \*Cole Porter's "Begin the \_\_\_\_"
19. Dashboard windows
22. Accounting title
23. Oxfords and loafers
24. 9 a.m. prayer
25. \*George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"
26. Discharge
27. Ding-a-\_\_\_\_, pl.
28. Eightsome
29. Egg holders
32. Big-ticket \_\_\_\_
33. Tank filler
36. \*a.k.a. The Little Rascals (2 words)
38. Brightest star in Cygnus
40. 1990s negation
41. Second of two
44. Beat the Joneses
46. Angry stare
48. Battle of the \_\_\_\_, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
49. Test format
50. \*Bureau of Investigation agent, to "Machine Gun" Kelly
51. Smart but awkward one
52. \*FDR's New \_\_\_\_
53. \_\_\_\_ E. Coyote
54. Law school test acronym
55. Expert
58. Compass point between NE and E

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