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## NEWS AND NOTES

### JULY FOURTH FIREWORKS SLATED AT SPORTS COMPLEX

For the second year, the annual July Fourth Rockets Over Red Mesa fireworks and celebration will take place at the City Sport and Events Complex at 1635 World Champion Way.

The free event begins at 7 p.m. with fireworks kicking off at 9 p.m. There will be opening ceremonies at 7:10 p.m. with music, food trucks, dunk tank and slip and slide beginning at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., there will be a 30-yard foot races broken up into various age divisions and at 8 p.m. there will be a water balloon toss.

Food trucks scheduled to participate are Adelita's Mexican Food, All Kinds of BBQ and Fixology.

### DANCE CAMP SLATED JULY 23-25 AT REC CENTER

Grace Valley Dance has sched-

uled the Berry Sweet Summer Dance Camp from July 23-25 at the Mesquite Recreation Center dance room.

There will be sessions for ages 5-9 (noon to 2 p.m.) and ages 10-14 (2-4 p.m.).

Cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. There will be a performance at 4 p.m. on July 25 in the gym.

Grace Valley is a family-oriented dance company founded in 2023. With expertise in styles such as pom, military, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop. Grace Valley prioritizes both technical training and the development of character and integrity in its dancers.

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To register, visit [gracevalleydance.com](http://gracevalleydance.com). Those interested can also call 435-272-7523.

### SWIM LESSONS SCHEDULED

The Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services Department has two swimming lessons slated from July 7-17 and July 21-31.

Cost is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. To accommodate more families, sessions are limited to one child per family.

Mommy & Me sessions are at 9:30 a.m., with Levels 1-2 at 10:15 a.m. and Levels 3-4 at 11 a.m.

The lessons take place at the Mesquite Recreation Center pool, located at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

Also, pool is open for free swimming on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be free popsicles.

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# Mesquite residents gather to protest tyrannical policies

*Submitted article*

A Mesquite No Kings Visibility Event was held on Saturday, June 14.

It was a peaceful protest and morale boosting event with the purpose of surfacing the concerns of many that the rule of law is not currently being followed in the US (habeas corpus, posse comitatus).

The participants want a government that follows the rule of law, the constitution, and the will of the American people. There were over 2100 No Kings events held both nationally and internationally, including in Canada where the protests were renamed "No Tyrants" in recognition of their own sovereign. In Mesquite, over 220 people signed up in Mobilize to attend this protest, with many attending who did not sign up. The estimated crowd count by the organizers was between 250 and 285 total participants, which was the largest visibility event held in Mesquite this year.

The official statement at the No Kings website regarding this event is as follows:

"In America, we don't do kings

This administration has broken the law, defied our courts, deported Americans, disappeared people off the streets, attacked our civil rights, and slashed our services. The corruption has gone too far. No thrones. No crowns. No kings.

On June 14—Flag Day—President Trump wanted tanks in the street and a made-for-TV display of dominance for his birthday. A spectacle meant to look like strength. But real power isn't staged in Washington. It rises up everywhere else.

No Kings is a nationwide day of defiance. From city blocks to small towns, from courthouse steps to community parks, we're taking action to reject authoritarianism—and show the world what democracy really looks like.



We're not gathering to feed his ego. We're building a movement that leaves him behind.

The flag doesn't belong to President Trump. It belongs to us. We're not watching history happen. We're making it.

On June 14, we're showing up everywhere he isn't—to say no thrones, no crowns, no kings."

The organizers of the local No Kings event hope that the Mesquite event will give moral support to the many people who are already being impacted by the policies being put in place since January 2025. They are aware, that people in our communities, specifically minorities and immigrants, are frightened now. The organizers and participants want these communities to know that people are out to support them and their own efforts to protect themselves from the legally questionable activities that have been happening at the national level.

The local organizers are also hoping that the local and national protests will be a catalyst for people to act on issues that are of concern to them. Information was provided to participants in the event on actions

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Virgin Valley's Ari Easton signs to play flag football at Nevada State College. (Photo courtesy Damon Jackson, Desert Damon)

## Former VVHS star Easton commits to NSU for first women's flag football team

By Breven Honda

The rise in girls flag football has taken another step, especially in the state of Nevada.

Ari Easton, who recently graduated from Virgin Valley High School, has committed to be part of the first women's flag football team at Nevada State University in Henderson.

"I think it's really cool when you go watch her, because you can be close to home," Virgin Valley high school girls flag football coach Joey Bowler said. "I think she has a shot to be on a team that the sky's the limit."

"She'll give you 110%. She'll give you everything she's got and more. Just a hard, hard worker, super smart, very intelligent about the game."

Over the course of three varsity seasons under Bowler, Easton compiled 128 tackles, while setting state records with 47 career interceptions as well as 25 interceptions in her junior season alone.

Offensively, Easton caught 107 passes for 1,644 yards and 39 touch-

downs, giving her the chance to play a role on both sides of the ball.

Her senior season was unlike the previous two. It started out memorably before a bump in the road. However, she finished off the season in storybook fashion, being on the field at Allegiant Stadium for the state championship.

Through the team's first seven games, Easton had 26 receptions for 357 yards and 10 touchdowns while adding 204 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Easton recorded 33 tackles with nine interceptions.

However, after that game in mid-December, she would be sidelined with a fractured tibia, not knowing if her season would be over.

But she told Bowler that she would be ready to play no matter what, as long as her teammates got to the playoffs.

"When you lose your best player, you know that's tough," he said of Easton, who is still not 100% healed

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# 'Excitement' builds as new fire station breaks ground

By Breven Honda

Triple-digit heat at 9 a.m. did not stop the Mesquite Fire and Rescue Department from holding its groundbreaking ceremony of the new fire station No. 2 on June 11.

Located near the intersection of Horizon and Canyon Crest boulevards, this new fire station comes at an important time when new houses and buildings will arise in the area in the coming years.

"It very well. We had a good turnout," Mesquite Fire and Rescue Chief Jayson Andrus said of the groundbreaking. "I feel super proud and proactive, that we're putting the infrastructure in before and not reactive years after we need it. So, it's exciting. Health care is a big issue in our country, and the emergency medical services that we provide is a really important link in that chain."

"That infrastructure for a city that has a median age of 60 years old and that has substantial health care needs, we play a big role in that."

Besides Andrus, some of the notable personnel in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony included City of Mesquite Mayor Jesse Whipple, City of Mesquite Public Works Director Travis Anderson and Hoyt Hsiao, the CEO of Shaw Lundquist, the contractors of the new fire station.

All four talked leading up to the shoveling portion of the ceremony.

During Mayor Whipple's speech, he talked about this new fire station, which will help response times while also making a personal connection.

"Right now, we're operating at fire station three, which carries most of the calls to that area, so it's going to save them about half the amount of time," Whipple said. "We can cut that in half."

"I didn't bring this up in the speech, but my dad died years ago from a heart attack. We lived in Bunkerville, and if we'd have had that short response time that this fire station can provide for those people up there, he might still be alive today."

"It's nobody's fault that the response times they had. They did an excellent job back then, you know, 30 years ago when my father passed away. You still have to drive a certain amount of time. The less amount of time that they have to be in transit, the better chance they have at saving somebody's life."

Whipple also praised his gratitude to everyone for reaching the groundbreaking stage of construction.

"As the mayor, I speak for the citizens of Mes-



**The groundbreaking of new Fire Station No. 2 took place on June 11 near the intersection of Horizon and Canyon Crest boulevards. The construction of the Fire Station is expected to take about a year to complete. (City of Mesquite Facebook page)**

quite, and I think I can freely do so and say every citizen of Mesquite is grateful that we're getting these new fire stations, these new facilities," he said. "It was an honor for me to get up there and thank everybody that was so integral and being part of making it happen, and not only all those (on the planning committee), but also the taxpayers, the citizens that their money helped make that happen."

Because of how much funds were set aside and budgeted, they did not have to dip into the town's general fund to pay for the construction.

While not having to dip into the general fund, Andrus said they expect some challenges along the way.

"We've already experienced lots of uncertainty with tariffs and what that looks like, what it doesn't look like," Andrus said. "I think the economic questions that are out there is a concern. But I don't want to foresee a lot of major challenges with the construc-

tion process. It's already started.

"We're moving forward. It'll take approximately one year for construction. I don't anticipate a lot of major challenges there."

Within the new fire station, there will also be amenities for the firefighters in between calls, from individual living spaces and potential expansion, if needed.

With construction expected to take around 12 months, the ribbon cutting ceremony is expected for some time next June.

Despite all the challenges, Whipple praised Andrus for the work that the Mesquite Fire and Rescue Department do on a daily basis.

"I'd like to thank our Chief Andrus and our fire department, because they do an amazing job," Whipple said. "I never get any complaints. Everybody compliments them. They run a good department, and they've saved a lot of lives. Hopefully this will allow them to do it and save even more."

# Easton

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from the tibia injury. “I’m proud of the girls, because they rallied and did what they did without Ari, who’s their leader on defense. She said, ‘I don’t know if I’ll be back for the season. I guarantee you want to be back for the playoffs then state.’

“I’m like, ‘Oh, okay, take this thing is one at a time.’ But she was pretty adamant.”

However, as the weeks rolled on, Virgin Valley continued to rack up wins and Easton still played an active role, despite not suiting up.

“She watches film, she studies the other team’s tendencies, she moves girls around,” Bowler said. “She’s just a leader on the field.”

As the playoffs rolled along and about eight weeks after initially suffering the injury, the team was able to figure out what she could do to be an integral piece on the gridiron.

Easton was able to play offense,

but not defense, due to pain tolerance when running forward versus backwards.

However, in the 3A State Championship game inside Allegiant Stadium, Easton caught two passes for 34 yards and a touchdown, in addition to having two scores that were called back as Virgin Valley defeated Boulder City 19-6.

“I’m proud of Ari. I know if she works hard in college like she did in high school, she’s going to be very, very successful,” Bowler said.

As a result, Nevada State University is getting a player in Easton, who has won three straight state championships.

Women’s flag football will be one of two sports the university is starting first, along with men’s track and field. Competition for both sports is slated to begin in Spring 2026. Nevada State will be independent and not be affiliated with a conference as the athletics department continues to evolve.

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# MSG notebook: More volunteers, website update, fall season

By Breven Honda

The mid-off season break rolls on for the Mesquite Senior Games, right in the middle between the spring season and the fall season.

Although there are still a few months out from the fall season, there is still always work to be done.

One of the most notable things is trying to get more help in any capacity ahead of the fall season. The Mesquite Senior Games are looking for people to assist event directors at events, be event directors, or even hold a position on the board.

Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said none of the events that get put on by the non-profit organization can be done without the help.

“We’re always looking for volunteers,” she said on June 24. “I attended an expo for all kinds of nonprofits up at Sun City the week before, and most of them were there, you know, getting the word out about who we were, what we were, and looking for volunteer sign-ups.”

Although Tudor was able to get eight signups from that expo, more help is always needed.

One of the advantages of helping with the Mesquite Senior Games is the schedule of when help is needed with the events taking place in the spring and the fall and a couple of months around that for planning purposes.

“The benefit we have is the fact that our time frame for games is fairly limited,” she said. “We are not a year-



round activity. We basically need volunteers for a couple months in March and April and then again in the fall.”

Tudor also added the biggest incentive comes with the interaction helpers make with fellow helpers and participants.

“A lot of it is the camaraderie with both the other volunteers and the athletes,” Tudor said. “It keeps people involved. (At the expo,) I talked to this one woman who said, ‘I can’t play anymore, but I could certainly be there to help.’”

In addition to this break in the schedule, it has given Tudor and the

board more time to adapt to the new website, which was created at the beginning of this year.

“It’s doing really well,” Tudor said of the website. “We’ve done a lot of clean up on it in this downtime, so it’s a much better looking site, much more professional looking than when we first started it.

“We’ve gotten a lot of the pictures from the various events updated and included on the website. So, you can go to bowling and you can see not only the bowling results, but you can also see pictures from the Bowling Tournament.”

One of the next goals for the website team is adding photos from events from previous years and events.

Another task during the break also includes getting a start on the fall games. This fall, there are three events.

The first is the men’s softball tournament, scheduled between Oct. 4-14, depending on the age bracket schedule.

The second event is the fall golf tournament, slated for Nov. 5 at Coyote Willows Golf Course.

The third and final event of the fall season is the Holiday Bowling tournament. The date has yet to be determined sometime in December but will be at the Virgin River Hotel and Casino Bowling Center.

Registration has opened for softball, but not yet for golf nor bowling.

“We opened registration for softball last Wednesday, and I have nine teams already,” said Tudor, who is also the men’s softball event director. “We’re going to open (the golf) registration probably the beginning of September. In the meantime, we’ll get some flyers out, and we’ll get the information on our Facebook page and on the website.

“We’ll open the bowling registration, probably in October. Bowling fills up really quickly. It’s our typical nine-pin, no-tap Christmas bowling. We’ve never had a problem filling that one, but we want to make sure we give people time to register for it.”

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# No Kings

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that can be taken to make a difference. It was announced at the event that the NO KINGS organization wanted participants and everyone who might be interested in being involved in the future to text No Kings to 59798.

On a National Level participants at the event were asked to contact our two NV senators early the next week because the senate will be discussing the 2025 Authorization Bill which has been called the "Big Beautiful Bill". Participants were asked to let our senators know that we support their stand against budget cuts for such programs as Medicaid and food assistance that are being planned to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. Participants were also asked to contact friends and family in the targeted states of Utah, Montana, and North Carolina to ask them to contact vulnerable Republican senators in these states, and let

these federal representatives know their constituents don't want tax cuts for billionaires, trillions of dollars in increases in the federal debt, and cuts to social safety net programs which help people who rely on them.

On the state level, participants were advised that although in Nevada there is a majority Democrat state legislature, this state has a governor who has vetoed more than 75 bills passed by the state legislature. The latest bill the governor has vetoed was one which would keep ICE out of the public schools. Participants were reminded Governor Lombardo is up for re-election in 2026, and it will be important to register to vote and to vote in November 2026.

The local event organizers believe that corruption that has become a hallmark of our society is due to the fact that our public officials respond NOT to the needs of the most of the American people, but to the desires and greed of the 1% of the richest population.

# Games

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Like the softball tournaments in the past for both the men's and the women's, the upcoming men's softball tournament is a tune up for the Huntsman World Senior Games. So, it is a two-for-one opportunity for the teams to compete in this tournament as preparation, while getting the local players to play as well.

In addition to preparing for the fall games in this downtime, the Mesquite Senior Games are also beginning to plan for next year's spring season.

In terms of getting situated now ahead of next March, which is still eight months away, the initial steps have been taken.

"We're looking at all of our venues and getting everything organized for next spring season," Tudor said. "We've got to go through, and we've got to meet with all of the various venues and make sure that they're still

available and what time frame is going to work for them."

Those early decisions not only come from when the venues are available, but also from the Mesquite Senior Games perspective as to when they can logistically hold an event, including from the after action reports from each event, from the respective event director.

"We looked at some of the games that we had this past spring and went, 'Oh, why did we do that? Or, why did we have three different events on like four different days,'" Tudor said. "So, we're trying to spread it out a little more so that we're not overloading ourselves and yet, we still get all our games in in the time frame that we need to, both before it gets too hot, and before we lose our snowbirds."

That is all part of the to-do list right now for the Mesquite Senior Games as they look to get ahead rather than work from behind and time comes sooner than they think.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

# Financial Freedom: Honoring independence through planning

By Ron Bird

As fireworks light up the sky this July, we're reminded of the incredible value of independence—something our Founding Fathers fought for more than two centuries ago. While their fight was for political freedom, today, many Americans are focused on achieving financial independence, especially as they approach retirement.



July is the perfect time to reflect not only on our country's freedom but also on your own future. Whether you're nearing retirement or helping a loved one prepare, planning ahead offers peace of mind, protection, and purpose.

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**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.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAYS

**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.

**Preschool "Ready for Kindergarten" 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.

**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.

**Summer Perler Bead Club:** 2:30 p.m., These colorful beads are arranged on plastic pegboards to

form patterns and then fused together. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

**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

**A Gathering of Artists:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A group of artists who enjoy spending time with each other. All art forms and meeting of like-minded people. Tamara S Reese, 808-489-1171 or [cptweese@yahoo.com](mailto:cptweese@yahoo.com).

**Al-Anon Family Groups:** 10:30-3:30 a.m., 150 N. 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

### FRIDAYS

**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.

**Fused Glass Drop In Group:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery glass studio classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Open to class students and experienced fused glass crafters. Group size limited to 10 participants. Walk-ins only. \$10.

**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 Group:** Dinner 5 p.m., Group 6 p.m., 830 Hafen Lane (First Baptist Church). Celebrate Recovery can help you find peace in your life. It's a safe place with no judgement. Call Dave at 847-997-6868 or visit [www.crmesquite.com](http://www.crmesquite.com)

### SUNDAYS

**Al-Anon Family Group:** 3 > See CALENDAR, Page 15

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 4

**Library closed for Fourth of July**

**Mesquite to Moapa Democrats Celebration:** 11 a.m., 312 W. Mesquite Blvd. Suite 103. Kicking off the big 250th anniversary year of the United States with the food and fun and a surprise game and prizes. RSVP [Mesquite2MoapaDems@gmail.com](mailto:Mesquite2MoapaDems@gmail.com) or 702-715-8403

**Fourth of July Rockets Over Red Mesa:** 7:10 p.m., Sports and Events Complex, 1635 World Champion Way. Food trucks and live music along with family games and a fireworks show starting at 9 p.m. Free and open to all age.

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# What to do in uncertain times

By Christopher Wall

We live in unprecedented times. While history has certainly seen moments of greater global peril—consider the First and Second World Wars, or even parts of the Cold War—there are unique challenges that confront our day.



Civil unrest, a loss of identity both personally and nationally, the opioid crisis, and the ongoing technological revolution are just a few of the many pressing issues facing the modern West, particularly America. In times like these, it is tempting to succumb to fear and anxiety. However, I would like to offer some reasons why you need not be fearful, but rather why you can place your trust in a good and kind God.

## STAY GROUNDED IN THE CERTAINTY OF CHRIST'S RETURN

First, it's important to dispel the notion that our current circumstances necessarily signal the immediate return of Christ. Could they? Perhaps. But they might not. Frankly, the exact timing of Christ's return is not ours to know. Jesus Himself said, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone" (Matthew 24:36). Our responsibility is not to speculate about the timing of His return but to faithfully conduct ourselves as those eagerly awaiting the return of the King.

Rather than being consumed with signs and predictions, we ought to focus on living in a manner worthy of the calling we have received (Ephesians 4:1). The pressing question is not when Christ will return, but how we are living in the meantime.

## BE FAITHFUL IN SIMPLE THINGS

To my fellow Christians, I urge you: strengthen your walk with the Lord. Serve in your local church like never before. Invite a friend to coffee and talk about the joys and hardships you are fac-

ing. Pray with your family and with your friends. Devote yourself to reading your Bible with greater consistency and depth. In short, commit to the simple, ordinary practices of the Christian life (Hebrews 10:24-25).

These are not flashy solutions, but they are the faithful steps that will sustain you. The Lord often works through the ordinary means of grace to bring extraordinary peace.

## TO THE ONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW CHRIST

If you do not know Christ, I plead with you—urgently—trust in Him. He is the answer. You may say, "I have so much uncertainty, so much fear, so many doubts." Bring them all to Christ. "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). In Christ, you will find rest.

Many people say they have hope, but they are merely hoping in hope itself—a vague, baseless optimism. To trust in Christ is to finally have a sure and steadfast hope (Hebrews 6:19). You need not live in fear if you would repent of your sins and place your faith in Him. "Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

## THE SOURCE OF TRUE PEACE

When it all comes down to it, peace in times like these will never be found apart from Christ. "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

To know Christ is to become eternally minded. If you are consumed only with the things of this earth, it is no surprise that so many struggle with pain, fear, and the crushing weight of anxiety. The answer is not to numb yourself, distract yourself, or pretend it's not there. The answer is to embrace the peace that can only be found in the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

*Chris Wall is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church (750 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite, NV, 89027)—Additional resources can be found at "mesquitebaptistchurchnv.com" and on YouTube and Instagram at "mesquitebaptistchurchnv"*

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## SATURDAY, JULY 5

**Travel to the World of Eric Carle:** 10:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a fun Eric Carle story time with songs, reading and special craft. Ages 0-5.. Call 702-346-5224.

**Health and Wellness 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.

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

**Palette and Pour Party:** 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Patriotic Gnomes." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

**CasaPoolooza Featuring Blockbusters:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Pool, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Bring all your 90s hits back to life at the CasaBlanca pool. Must be 21 and older. Free admission..

## SUNDAY, JULY 6

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

## MONDAY, JULY 7

**Lola's Pet Watercolor Workshop:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Bring a color photo of the animal you want to paint. Non-members \$70. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

**Junk Journal Club:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Learn about junk journaling. Free and open to the public. Call 702-346-5224.

**Coding for Kids:** 4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. In-

roducing the basics of coding for a younger generation. Call 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, JULY 8

**Introduction to Stained Glass:** 11 a.m. -3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Join in a four-week hands-on class where you'll design and craft a beautiful stained glass piece. \$175 fee. Register at [MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com](http://MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com). Space is limited. Classes on July 8, 15, 22 and 29.

**Techsmart Tuesday:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St.. Lean about a different technology topic each month. Call 702-346-5224.

**Popcorn & Movie:** 3-4:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Set sail with Moana on another adventure! Bring pillows and blankets to make a comfy spot to enjoy the movie. 702-346-5224.

**Warrior Women of Mesquite:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learning Center Building. Group discussion for those affected by cancer. Info: 702-346-5224.

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

**The Party!:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. The Party is a high-energy cover band that performs hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Age 21 and older. Free admission.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter code MesquiteLibNV or call 800-733-2767.

**Mesquite Chamber Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1880 Grille, 1499 Falcon Ridge Parkway. Nonprofit lunch and learn. Members \$40, non-members \$50. RSVP at 702-346-2902.

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

**Republican Women's Club (for men & women):** Doors open at 5 p.m., Meeting 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veteran's Center, 840 Hafen Lane, Meetings the second Wednesday of each month. For information: call 858-254-1214 or email [swtinsd@gmail.com](mailto:swtinsd@gmail.com).

**Insanity Stew:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Playing all the hits from your favorite era. Ages 21 and older. Free admission.

## THURSDAY, JULY 10

**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.

**Bonkers Comedy Series:** 7-8:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Show features Jay Hewlett, from Comic View, BET, Showtime, Comedy Central and more. Must be 21 or older Free admission.

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

**Canyonlands Healthcare:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Canyonlands Healthcare Community Healthcare Workers offers resources, information and support. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Stained Glass Drop In:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$10 per person. Open to students and experienced stained glass crafts. 702-346-1338

**Crafternoon:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Bring your creativity and enjoy making different crafts. 702-346-5224.

**Palette and Pour Party:** 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Busy Bee." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

**Family Craft:** 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Join for an artful craft or project that incor-

porates dexterity, imagination and fun. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Apple iPhone:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Come and learn the tricks to using your iPhone. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Learn and Play:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Babies, toddlers and preschool. Books, singing and other activities.. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Palette and Pour Party:** 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Elephant." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

**Clean Lines Dish Workshop:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Presented by Kirstie Montana, this is an easy-to-assemble dish. Previous fused glass experience required. \$40 non refundable class fee. Sign up online at [MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com](http://MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com). Space is limited.

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Across the River and into the Woods." Call 702-346-5224.

## MONDAY, JULY 14

**Vitalant Blood Drive:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Schedule an appointment at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter code MESQUITELIBLV.COM or call 877-258-4825.

**Stained Glass Workshop:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Workshop open to those with glass experience. Must know how to cut glass. Two sessions, also on July 21. 702-346-1338

**Travel Planning Workshop:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Get help each step to the way in planning your next trip. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Hydroponics for Kids:** 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st.

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St. Drop in to see how the library uses hydroponics to grow plants. Info: 702-346-5224.

**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](http://www.vvarc.net)

## TUESDAY, JULY 15

**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.

**Introduction to Stained Glass:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Join in a four-week hands-on class where you'll design and craft a beautiful stained glass piece. \$175 fee. Register at [MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com](http://MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com). Space is limited. Classes on July 8, 15, 22 and 29.

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

**Bubble Mania:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Come explore double bubbles and more. Space is limited. Info: 702-346-5224.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

**Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood PBS Kids:** 10 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Learn effective strategies to help children identify, name and express their emotions

in healthy ways. Ages 3-5. Info: 702-346-5224.

**3D Pen Coloring:** 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Resource Center. Join for a fun evening of drawing in 3D. A 3D pen extrudes heated warm plastic from the nozzle. Free. Info: 702-346-5224.

## THURSDAY, JULY 17

**Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show:** 10:15-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Kids will be amazed as real lasers shine on to the screen, ceiling and walls.. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Virgin Valley Artists Awards Ceremony:** 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Come see the winners of the July exhibit. 702-346-1338.

**Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show, the Beatles:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Adults will be amazed as real lasers shine on to the screen, ceiling and walls to the music of The Beatles. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Bonkers Comedy Series:** 7-8:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Show features Gabe Nolasco from NBC's Vice, with Mike Shank. Must be 21 or older. Free admission.

## FRIDAY, JULY 18

**Desert Doodlers:** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15. W. Mesquite Blvd., Share your flare for doodling. Walk-ins only, bring your own supplies. Con-

tact Joyce Redweik at 951-805-3759 or [joyceredweik@gmail.com](mailto:joyceredweik@gmail.com).

**Palette and Pour Party:** 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Just Another Day in Paradise." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

**The Party!:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. The Party is a high-energy cover band that performs hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Age 21 and older. Free admission.

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

**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 "Civil War." Call 702-346-5224.

**LEGO Challenge:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Kids get a theme and 30 minutes to build. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Cricut Club:** 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Learning Resource Center. The library's Cricut machines will be available for use. All supplies provided. Registration required. 702-346-5224.

**Billy Gardell:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Get ready to laugh when Billy Gardell, from Mike & Molly fame, brings his powerhouse stand-up

act to Mesquite. Tickets range from \$43.25 to \$68.56. Visit [Casablanca.playmesquite.com](http://Casablanca.playmesquite.com).

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

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

## MONDAY, JULY 21

**Anime Your Way with Carlos Nieto:** 10 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Use simple shapes and easy instructions to create your own anime characters. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Stained Glass Workshop:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Workshop open to those with glass experience. Must know how to cut glass. Two sessions, also on July 14. 702-346-1338

**Virgin Valley Artists General Meeting:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Fine Arts Center classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. The public is invited to attend.

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

**Introduction to Stained Glass:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Join in a four-week hands-on class where you'll design and craft a beautiful stained glass piece. \$175 fee. Register at [MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com](http://MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com). Space is limited. Classes on July 8, 15, 22 and 29.

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**Popcorn & Movie:** 3-4:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Travel to Madagascar with a quartet of penguins! Bring pillows and blankets to make a comfy spot to enjoy the movie. 702-346-5224.

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

**Veteran's Community Roundtable:** 10 a.m. - noon, Sunday City Community Center, 1300 Flat Top Mesa Drive. Veterans, military members and their families get to meet with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services Director and executive leadership team.

**Digital Memories Preservation Lab Workshop:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Learn how to digitize your old memories. Free and open to the public. Info: 702-346-5224.

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

**Lyla in the Loop PBS Kids:** 3-4:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Families will use the design process to build their own carnival games, just like Lyla and her friends. 702-346-5224.

**Bonkers Comedy Series:** 7-8:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Show features Alex "Koolaid" Ansel from Rolling

Stone, Amazon Prime, CBS and more, along with Evan Connelly. Must be 21 or older Free admission.

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

**Create and Connect:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Resource Center.. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Canyonlands Healthcare:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Canyonlands Healthcare Community Healthcare Workers offers resources, information and support. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Stained Glass Drop-ins:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Open to students and experienced stained glass crafters. You must know cutting and soldering. Tools and equipment available. Glass and project materials available for purchase. Deb Sweeney, 951-775-5912 or debsweeney95@yahoo.com

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

**Learn and Play:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Babies, toddlers and preschool. Books, singing and other activities.. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Yellow Brick Road:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Yellow Brick Road is a must-see act for those who love classic rock. Must be 21 or older Free admission.

**Damage Inc. — A Metallica Tribute Experience:** Virgin River Events Center, 100 E. Pioneer Blvd.

Damage Inc. is Southern California's premier Metallica tribute band. Tickets are \$47.85. Visit [virginriver.paymesquite.com](http://virginriver.paymesquite.com).

## SUNDAY, JULY 27

**Children's Sensory Sensitive Movie:** 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. For ages 0-17 and their caregivers.. 702-346-5224.

## MONDAY, JULY 28

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

**Introduction to Stained Glass:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Join in a four-week hands-on class where you'll design and craft a beautiful stained glass piece. \$175 fee. Register at [MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com](http://MesquiteFineArtsCenter.com). Space is limited. Classes on July 8, 15, 22 and 29.

**Book Swap Club:** 1-2 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Info: 702-346-5224.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

**Summer Challenge Travel Trivia Night:** 4:40-6 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge with trivia and refreshments. Info: 702-346-5224.

## THURSDAY, JULY 31

**DIY Craft:** 10:15-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. A dif-

ferent craft each month. Sign up required. 702-346-5224.

**Bonkers Comedy Series:** 7-8:30 p.m., CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Show features Adam Dominguez, winner of Laugh After Dark Comedyfest, along with Omar Roache. Must be 21 or older Free admission.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 1

**Fused Glass Drop-in Group:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts, Classroom 2, Bldg. E, 156 W. Mesquite Blvd. Open to class students and experienced fused glass crafters. Group size limited to 10 participants. Walk-ins only. \$10 fee. Call Pam Jacobson at 303-910-4542.

**Chamber Golf Reception:** 4 p.m., Conestoga Golf Club, 1499 Falcon Ridge Parkway. Par-3 tournament, closest to the pin, blackjack tournament. Call 702-346-2902 for details.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 2

**Chamber Golf Invitational:** 7 a.m., Conestoga Golf Club, 1499 Falcon Ridge Parkway. \$800 foursome, Call 702-346-2902 for details.

**Health and Wellness 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.

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