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NEWS AND NOTES

EUREKA OPENS LOUNGE FOR GOLD CLUB MEMBERS

Eureka Casino Resort has opened the Onyx Lounge, an exclusive new space for its top-tier Gold Club members.

The debut marks the latest milestone in Eureka's \$100 million property-wide remodel, which includes the reimagined Gregory's Mesquite Grill, a fully renovated ballroom, and major upgrades across the hotel and casino.

Located just off the gaming floor, the Onyx Lounge serves guests who have reached the Onyx tier, the highest level in Eureka's Gold Club loyalty program.

The space was designed as a quiet, elevated retreat. Its contemporary look features polished dark wood, gold accents, and a glowing onyx backsplash.

Plush seating, a sleek linear fireplace, and a dramatic glass-drop chandelier create a warm, private atmosphere. Guests can enjoy a daily

selection of bespoke bites, a full coffee station, assorted beverages, and a well-stocked bar.

WINTER FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULED

The Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services is accepting registration through Jan. 12 for its youth flag football winter league.

The league runs from Jan. 27 through Feb. 19. The league is for boys and girls ages 4-11. Cost is \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Those interested can visit mesquitenv.activityreg.com.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL LEAGUES SET

Indoor and outdoor pickleball leagues will begin Jan. 5 and 6 through Mesquite Athletics and Leisure Services.

The outdoor league runs Jan. 5 through Feb. 17 at the Old Mill Pick-

leball complex. The men's league is Mondays at 6 p.m. and the women's league is Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The indoor league runs Jan. 6 through Feb. 16 at the Mesquite Recreation Center gym, 100 W. Old Mill Road. The league is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost for each league is \$25 with a \$5 tech fee. Mesquite Recreation Center members get \$5 off.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS PICKED

First place in the holiday decorating went to Ellen Ann Sorenson at 972 and 987 Mesquite Springs Drive.

Second place was Sarah Mulloy at 1296 Shane Canyon and third place was Terri Planck at 315 Habib Way.

Honorable mention was Billy Sylvestre at 541 Falcon View Drive.

Judges were Beth Caplinger, Karen Fielding, Sheila Gustavson and Bobbie Green.



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Mesquite Entertainment excited for car show, balloon festival

By Breven Honda

The 2026 calendar gets off to a busy start for Mesquite Entertainment.

Coming off the events from New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, Mesquite Entertainment is hosting its annual Mesquite Motor Mania and Hot Air Balloon Festival.

From Jan. 16-18, the Mesquite Motor Mania will be home to classic cars, featuring car shows and different competitions. In total, there are expected to be several hundred cars on display with all years and different make and models of vehicles.

"We are extremely excited to host this event," said Michael Klimek, the Director of Brand Strategy of Mesquite Entertainment. "It's a very high energy, classic car kind of weekend."

The car show on the first two days of the event runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. before the final day running from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free to attend and open to all ages, both kids and adults, making it a family-friendly weekend.

"It's always a great time to see people of all ages have a great time at our property, allowing them to see the slow drags, the burnouts, all of these, like crazy cars, the fire ups," Klimek said. "Seeing them very excited to get to witness all of these things is very satisfying for us."

After the Mesquite Motor Mania wraps up on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m., an awards presentation will take place in the CasaBlanca Grand Ballroom.

There will be more than 250 different awards handed out with some having cash prizes.

Overall, there are \$15,000 in cash awards and prizes that will be handed out. The "Best of Show Award" provides the biggest cash value of the night with a winning

prize of \$3,000.

Some of the other notable awards include the Crowd Pleaser Award and the People's Choice Award.

On the following weekend, Mesquite Entertainment is hosting its annual Hot Air Balloon Festival from Jan. 23-25.

This is another free event and open to all ages to see the variety of balloons that make their way into the sky.

"We have an action-packed January," Klimek said. "Our Hot Air Balloon Festival is one of our most popular annual events, with the vibrant colors, all the excitement that we bring to the open sky."

At 7:30 a.m. on each of the three mornings, the morning launch takes place. Dozens of hot air balloons make their way off the ground. The launch zone is at the Oasis Resort Parking Lot, which is across the street from the CasaBlanca Resort & Casino.

Then in the evening, once the sun goes down, the Hot Air Balloon Festival continues with the Night Glow Candlestick show on the first two days of the event. Taking place at the southwest parking lot at the CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, the balloons light up the night.

However, with both of these events, especially the Hot Air Balloon Festival, safety is a top priority.

"Safety is of the utmost support to us with every event that we do," Klimek said. "Since this is another event that we do every single year, there are trained professionals on site that own and operate these hot air balloons."

In addition to safety, the weather also plays a vital role in launching hot air balloons. Whether it is the wind speeds or if precipitation and visibility are forecasted, that also plays a role as to if and when the balloons can go into the air.

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Pageant begins planning for 20th anniversary event

By Breven Honda

As the new year arrives, some of the big events in town start to appear closer.

One of those includes the 2026 Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant, which is currently scheduled for late April or early May.

This year's pageant also marks the 20th Anniversary Pageant in Mesquite.

Logistics are still coming together, including the venue. Entering January, the planning committee is still locking up where the pageant will take place after bouncing around from the local theatre to theatre at Virgin Valley High School.

For this upcoming pageant, there are currently six candidates trying to become the 2026 Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant Winner and ultimately compete at the national level.

The candidates began meeting weekly on Wednesdays since October, defining their skills and ensuring their presentation goes smoothly come pageant time.

Unlike most beauty pageants, talent is not the only thing that determine the winner. There are three other topics: evening gown, philosophy of life and an interview with the judges.

"I've seen people who have fabulous talent who didn't win," said Becky Boyd, the administrator for the Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant. "I love the fact that it's a well-rounded woman."

As a result, getting nearly seven months at most to prepare gives the women the time and energy they need.

Boyd said every contestant has their strengths and weaknesses, making each of the four topics challenging in its own way.

"We've had ladies who have been on stage that are either active in the theater or maybe they're a singer, so they're used to being on the stage," Boyd said. "So, they're awesome with talent, but they have a challenge with the interviews and maybe even the evening gowns or their philosophy of life."

"We have people who have been presidents of banks or CEOs or some-

one who's used to speaking, who do really well in the interviews, but maybe their talent or evening gown, philosophy is not that perfected, and that's why we have these workshops.

"We want to make sure that every lady has the best chance ever to win."

The philosophy of life part of the criteria has the chance to be one of the more time-consuming parts because of the thought that goes into that part as well as the action that comes with it.

This topic can lead to how this woman impacts the community to help find the philosophy.

However, the participants do not only rely on themselves. Besides Boyd, educators, past winners and contestants also play a role in developing the participant's strengths to win.

That includes 2024 and 2025 queens Bronzie Daphney and Marie Alvey.

"All of the other ladies and all of the previous queens and volunteers are all there to help," said Boyd, who is preparing for her third pageant. "So, we critique their philosophies and then make they say it every week, so it's when they get up there on stage, they don't get up there and forget it, like being a deer with headlights.

"(Alvey and Daphney) go with me out in the community to functions with their sashes, and we talk to ladies and encouraged them to be contestants. Now that we've started our workshops, they come every week, and they'll talk to the ladies and encourage them."

The contestants also get advice when it come to the interview to ensure they do not tense up and get panicked.

"With the interviews, we've been blessed to have the Exchange Club and the Toastmasters here in Mesquite, who help us do mock interviews," Boyd said. "We practice and talk about questions that might come up. Then afterwards we critique them go, 'Okay, you didn't look the judge in the eye, you didn't sit up straight, you took too long to answer a question. You need short, brief answers.'"



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Start the New Year with a strong foundation

By Ron Bird

As we step into a new year, many of us feel motivated to set fresh goals—getting organized, improving our finances, or finally tackling the important tasks we've put off for too long. One area that often falls to the bottom of the list is estate planning. While it may not be the flashiest New Year's resolution, it's one of the most meaningful steps you can take to protect the people you love and ensure your wishes are honored.



As a financial advisor, I often tell clients: Estate planning isn't about wealth—it's about clarity, protection, and peace of mind. Whether you're just starting out, approaching retirement, or already enjoying it, a well-crafted plan is an essential part of your overall financial picture.

WHY ESTATE PLANNING MATTERS

Estate planning is more than deciding who gets what. A complete plan answers important questions such as:

- **Who will handle your finances if you can't?** A financial power of attorney ensures that someone you trust can step in during emergencies.

- **Who will make medical decisions for you?** A healthcare directive communicates your wishes and appoints someone to speak on your behalf.

- **How will your assets be distributed?** Wills and trusts outline your intentions clearly and help prevent family disputes.

- **How can you minimize taxes, fees, and delays?** Proper planning can reduce estate taxes, avoid probate complications, and streamline the

transfer of assets to your loved ones.

Simply put, estate planning allows you to make decisions now so your family isn't overwhelmed later.

WHY JANUARY IS THE PERFECT TIME TO BEGIN

The start of the year brings a sense of renewal, and with it, new opportunities:

- **Your financial documents are handy for tax season,** making this a natural time to review beneficiaries, account titles, and insurance policies.

- **Your goals for the year are fresh in mind.** Aligning them with your estate plan ensures everything is working together.

- **Life changes quickly.** Marriage, divorce, retirement, births, and deaths all require updates to your plan. January is an ideal time to take inventory of what changed in the past year.

Even small updates, like confirming who is listed as a beneficiary on your retirement accounts, can make a meaningful difference.

COMMON ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES TO AVOID

Here are a few issues I frequently see:

- **Not having a plan at all.** Even a basic will is far better than leaving everything to chance.

- **Forgetting to update documents.** Outdated beneficiary designations override what's written in a will or trust.

- **Relying on one document alone.** A will, for example, doesn't cover medical decisions or incapacity.

- **Thinking "my family knows what I want."** Clear instructions prevent confusion and conflict.

The good news? These mistakes are easy to avoid with a little guidance.

A thoughtful estate plan is

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MSG has successful final event of 2025, eyes special 2026

By: Breven Honda

The last event of the 2025 calendar year for the Mesquite Senior Games took place last month to a fun and festive bowling tournament at the Virgin River Bowling Center.

With the theme of the bowling tournament, "Winter Wonderland," a sold-out tournament was filled with players in holiday attire.

"Everybody had a great time. They always do," Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said. "It's such a lighthearted event. Nobody takes anything too seriously.

"They were pretty festive. We had a Best Dressed competition, and one gal had on a dress that was a Christmas tree. Quite a few people were dressed up. We had some elves, and all of that stuff."

In addition to the fun camaraderie that took place outside the bowling, when it came to the competition in the lanes, there were high scores in this 9-pin No-Tap tournament. On the men's side, in the 50-54 age group, Mark Burkhardt rolled a 300 while Kert Robbins in the 65-69 age group also rolled a perfect game.

"(The tournament) was No-Tap, which means, nine pins qualifies as a strike," Tudor said. "Last year we had one person bowl a perfect game and this year we had two."

As a result of rolling a perfect game, the Mesquite Senior Games hands out a 300 medal, which Burkhardt and Robbins each received.

Burkhardt and Robbins also took home the high handicap series honors in their respective age groups across the three games played with scores of 799 and 842, respectively.

Joining Robbins with 800 or more pins in the handicap series on the men's side for those 69 and younger was Chuck Werner, Rey Washington and James Webb with respective scores on 813, 827 and 829.

For those men competing at 70 years old and older, five players reached at least 800, including Greg Sant recording a scratch game-high of 287.

On the women's side, Bobbie Robbins in the 60-64 age group logged a 265 scratch game and an 857 handicap score, which both led all women.

In addition, there were two women – one in the 70-74 and 75-79 age groups – that reached 800 in their handicap score. Sherry Williamson and Pamela Jukes both registered an 806 handicap score as Williams edged out Jukes by one for the high scratch game 242 to 241 as both earned gold medals in their respective age groups.

After the bowling tournament was completed, a raffle commenced as the Mesquite Senior Games received a lot of prizes from the community as extra tickets were purchased.

"A lot of people were able to get a raffle prize," Tudor said. "We not only gave everybody one (ticket) at the door when they first registered, but we gave them the opportunity to

buy a few more (tickets) if they wanted to. And they did. We actually sold about \$300 worth of additional raffle tickets because we had so many nice raffle prizes,"

Some of the prizes that people won included fuzzy blankets, a round of golf at Coyote Willows Golf Course, a dart board cabinet and gift cards to local restaurants.

Tudor said the local community does a lot when it comes to supporting non-profit organizations, including the Mesquite Senior Games.

"This town is very generous when it comes to donations for nonprofits," Tudor said. "I was at a chamber event, and there must have been 20 raffle prizes there. The next day, I was at another event. There were another 25 raffle prizes and a lot of them were from the same companies."

The bowling event ultimately caps off a successful 2025 calendar year. As 2025 ends, the Mesquite Senior Games hosted 13 spring events and three fall season events, while participating in other local community events.

However, one of the most notable things that made the year a success did not come in one singular event, but a necessity that made each event run smoothly.

This year marked the first full year of the box truck that was purchased in 2024. The truck was present at every event for the board members and event directors to access if some-

thing was misplaced or left somewhere.

"There has not been an event in my experience at all that at some point someone didn't go, 'Oh, darn, we forgot so and so,'" Tudor said. "Well, now it's just a matter of going to the parking lot and getting it out of the truck. We were down at Virgin Valley High School for track and field, that was a bit daunt to go get whatever it was we forgot. But with the truck there, you go to the parking lot and you get it.

"Just having it there makes all the difference in the world."

As the new year arrives, Tudor has high expectations with 2026 being the 25th Anniversary for the Mesquite Senior Games.

"I want it to be our best year yet. I want to have the most events. I want to have as many events as we can handle," Tudor said. "We have to be mindful of weather conditions as well as population. So, most of our events (in the spring season) are in late February, March and April."

Looking at the calendar, there is already one obstacle that Tudor and the board are facing when it comes to planning the spring season schedule.

As the full schedule will be finalized rather soon, that means registration will also be coming out.

Tudor is targeting to open registration later this month or early February.



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VVHS Flag Football levels up to 4A, faces new league rules

By Breven Honda

It has been a challenging eight games for the reigning four-time 3A State Champion Virgin Valley High School flag football team.

For a team a season ago that only lost once, and three times across the last two seasons, the Bulldogs lost three of their first six games, all to 5A competition.

“Some of the girls are a little upset,” head coach Joey Bowler said. “We played the number one team in the state, the number two team in the state, and the number four team in the state.

“I wanted to play those teams because they play flag year-round.”

However, competing against the top teams was not only to get Virgin Valley better before league play, but because of some new rule changes and realignment to Nevada flag football this season.

Since being in the 3A once flag football

became a sanctioned sport, Virgin Valley, along with the rest of the 3A schools, are moving up to the 4A Division.

There are 10 teams that represent the 5A Division and the other 36 schools are separated into four, nine-team leagues. Virgin Valley is in the Lake Division with Desert Pines, Eldorado, Las Vegas, Mater Academy East, Moapa Valley, Rancho, Sunrise Mountain and Valley.

“Defense, I think it’s a little easier for us,” Bowler said of the new rules and the realignment. “But offense, we basically had to throw the play-book that we’ve pretty much perfected for over a decade, basically throwing most of it in the garbage because you can’t run the plays anymore. So, it’s a learning curve.

The biggest change is how a defense stops opposing offenses, most notable how opposing defenses go after the quarterback.

“On offense, they can blitz. You used to blitz two max, five yards from

the line of scrimmage. Now they can blitz all seven, one yard off, and you can’t block them,” Bowler said. “You can get in their way, but you can’t block them.”

As a result, Bulldogs senior quarterback Davie Slack has had to adjust to the new rules.

“She’s an amazing quarterback. But there’s times where she’s really been frustrated,” Bowler said of Slack, who has completed 50% of her passes, which is lower than her 58% completion rating over the last two years. “It’s hard to move the ball a lot of times against a good defense.”

Although Slack has been adapting to the new rules, she is finding success. On Dec. 6, Virgin Valley defeated Pinecrest Academy Sloan Canyon and Green Valley, 31-7 and 39-6, respectively. Between those two games, Slack threw seven touchdown passes and no interceptions while also adding a rushing touchdown in each game.

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As you map out your goals for the new year, I encourage you to make estate planning part of your financial checklist. It’s not just for those with significant wealth, it’s for anyone who cares about protecting their loved ones and securing their legacy.

Taking action today can make all the difference tomorrow. Here’s to a new year filled with confidence, clarity, and peace of mind.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To have your event listed in this calendar, please e-mail 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. No class the first two weeks of August. 702-346-5224.

Coloring for Adults: 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of

various artists. 702-346-5224.

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. No class the first two weeks of August. 702-346-5224.

Tyler's Drawing and Creativity Class: 2-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Classroom 1, Building B. Bring your creative side and join Tyler and friends for a good drawing experience. No

need to sign up. Just show up. Cost is \$10 per class. Call 702-346-1338.

Teen Coding Club: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Have fun learning to code at your own pace. Call 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.

Beginner Fused Glass Class: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Classroom 2, Building E. Four-week class. Learn the basics of fusing glass. No

previous experience necessary.. Cost is \$175 and includes instruction, use of tool and equipment. Call Pam Jacobson at 303-910- 4542 or email pam.jacobson74@gmail.com

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. No class the first two weeks of August. 702-346-5224.

Kids' Artsy Crafts: 4:00-5:00 p.m., Unleash your inner artist at

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Making the most out of the New Year

By Christopher Wall

Each new year is an opportunity to start fresh. It is a chance to reflect on the highs and lows, the mistakes and the successes—to take an honest evaluation—and from there consider how best to move forward. Yet the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again while expecting different results, and that is often how we approach the new year. We come up with grand ideas about becoming a “new me,” making drastic changes, or radically transforming ourselves. The problem is that we usually deal only with surface-level issues. We focus on the end result we want without addressing the deeper, underlying problems.



In other words, we may say, “I want to be a better person” or “I want to be more kind.” But what does that actually mean? A better question is how such a goal is truly achieved. Without dealing with the root problem, the goal will never be reached. Consider someone who wants to lose 50 pounds in the new year. They go to the gym occasionally but never form a habit. They make no meaningful changes to their diet and do nothing consistently. It should come as no surprise when, at the end of the year, they see little to no progress. Yet this is often how we treat our spiritual health—and even our mental health.

We address what feels comfortable and manageable, while avoiding the deeper issues that actually need attention.

So what is the real problem? At its core, the problem is our sin nature. We are inclined toward selfishness, pride, bitterness, and envy. These sins dominate and control us far more than we would like to admit. We may say we want to be less envious or less self-centered, but the question remains: how do we actually change? Time and time again, we find ourselves reverting to old patterns—thinking about ourselves first and resenting those who seem to have more than we do. The solution is not found in mere self-improvement or external behavior modification, but in a genuine change of heart.

This kind of heart change, however, is not something we can accomplish on our own. You and I cannot work hard enough to make ourselves truly good people. That gift can only come from God. It requires an honest recognition of our sinfulness and our need for Christ. In simple terms, it comes through salvation—God changing the heart and mind of the sinner so that he sees his need, trusts in Christ as Lord and Savior, and begins to live a transformed life.

So how can we make the most of this new year? The answer is simple: repent of your sins and place your faith in Jesus Christ. True life change always begins with a heart change, and that change comes only through what God can do in you.

Chris Wall is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church (750 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite, NV, 89027). Additional resources can be found at mesquitebaptistchurchnv.com.



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Kids' Artsy Craft Club. Inspired by great artists, we'll explore fun and different ways to create art. Suggested for ages 5 - 12. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

Mesquite Rotary: 5:30 p.m. Meets every Wednesday at 150 N Yucca Street - Building 7, Suite 26. (Willow Street side). For more information, call 725-253-0288 or email Rotary-ClubofMesquiteNV@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.

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 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. No class the first two weeks of August. 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. No class the first two weeks of August. 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. No class the first two weeks of August. 702-346-5224.

Bereavement Group: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library Resource Center, 121 W. First North 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

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

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.

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.

Get Smart with Art: 6:30-8 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Learn how to create an art gel print. Free, space is limited. Call Lucille (Loesje) Lindberg at 208-520-7711 or email loesjego@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

US 250 Tour: 8 a.m., Freedom Village at Casa Blanca Resort. 897 W. Mesquite Blvd. Celebrate our nation's birthday. Free admission.

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Mesquite Toes Open House: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Heritage Plaza, 190 E. Mesquite Blvd. Classes and demonstrations will be presented throughout the program. 901-466-4421.

Anyone Can Paint: 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Instructor Barbara Thomas. Every skill level is welcome and supplies included. Call 702-346-5224.

Teen Sewing Class: 3-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learn the basics of machine and hand sewing. Registration required. Call 702-346-5224.

Palette and Pour Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Mountains by Wendy." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or christinepicior@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

US 250 Tour: 8 a.m., Freedom Village at CasaBlanca Resort. 897 W. Mesquite Blvd. Celebrate our nation's birthday. Free admission. Shenandoah concert at 8 p.m. us250tour.com.

Get Smart with Art: 10-11:45 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Birch Trees. Free, space is limited. Call Wendy Douglas at 435-230-4748 or email redsalt-dough@yahoo.com.

The Center Mobile Health Clinic: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. Free Rapid HIV

and Hep C testing in partnership with The Center's mobile medical clinic. Call 702-346-5224.

Family Craft: 11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A fun craft for the family. Call 702-346-5224.

Learn and Play: 3-3:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Families can join for a fun story time. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, JAN. 11

US 250 Tour: 8 a.m., Freedom Village at CasaBlanca Resort. 897 W. Mesquite Blvd. Celebrate our nation's birthday. Free admission. Farewell music fun and fireworks at 6:15 p.m. us250tour.com.

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

MONDAY, JAN. 12

Travel Workshop: 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Start to plan your next trip. Info: 702-346-5224.

Winter Bingo for Kids: 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win a book Ages 6-11. Call 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

TUESDAY, JAN. 13

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

meetings of the Mesquite City Council.
MFA Photographic Society Meeting: 5:30-7:30 p.m., STEAM Center, 312 W. Mesquite Blvd., Suite 116. Open to the public and free of charge. Just show up and have a passion for photography. Call Randy Bauman at 615-483-5549 or rrdiversions@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14

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

3D Pen Coloring: 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A fun evening of drawing in 3D. Free and open to the public. Info: 702-346-5224.

Mesquite Republican Women: 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veterans Center, 840 Hafan Lane. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Call 858-254-1214 or email swtinsd@gmail.com

State of the Chamber: 5:30-8 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom. Chamber members only. \$60. 702-346-2910.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

Mobile Medical Unit: 10 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Veterans Center, 840 Hafan Lane. Meet face to face with a VA medical provider to discuss concerns. No appointment needed.

Red Cross Blood Drive: 10 a.m., - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MesquiteLibNV or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Info: 702-346-5224.

VVAA Awards Ceremony and Reception: 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Open house reception. 702-346-1338.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Palette and Pour Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Roadie by Chris." Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or christinepicior@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

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.

Intro to Pyrography: noon - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Beginner friendly wood burning class. \$50. 702-346-1338.

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

Cricut Club: 2-3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Learning Resource Center. Join in for a fun project. All supplies provided. Registration required. 702-346-5224.

LEGO Challenge: 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Kids get a theme and 30 minutes to build. Info: 702-346-5224.

Palette and Pour Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Road-

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SUNDAY, JAN. 18

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is “Small Things Like These.” Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, JAN. 19

Library Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Adventure Book Club: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st 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.

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

A Night on the Orient Express: 4-8 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Fund-raising gala for the Virgin Valley Theatre Group. \$100 per guest includes dinner and preview of 2026 production schedule. Visit vvtgnv.com

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

DIY Craft: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Come out

for a Do It Yourself project. Call 702-346-5224.

Teen Pizza and Paint Night: 5-7 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Paint a dancing unicorn with featured artist Eve Mercado Yepes. Contact Tyler Roylance at 702-346-2780 or email roylat@nv.ccsd.net.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

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. Contact Joyce Redweik at 951-805-3759 or joyceredweik@gmail.com.

Create and Connect: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library. Free Makerspace program. Registration required. Free. Info: 702-346-5224.

Palette and Pour Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is “Raining Cats and Dogs by Vanessa.” Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or christinepicior@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

Dungeons & Dragons Club: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Space is limited. Sign up at customer service desk. Info: 702-346-5224.

Life of a National Park Ranger: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Explore the rich history of America's National Parks and follow one ranger's personal journey. Free. Info: 702-346-5224.

Learn and Play: 3-3:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Families can join for a fun story time. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show: 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. and 3-4, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A dazzling display of the latest advances in laser artistry. Info: 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, JAN. 26

Book Bingo: 2:30-4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

Beginning 3D Print: 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. An introduction to 3D printing. Registration required. Call 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

Book Swap Club: 1-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Bring a book to discuss with the group, then swap it so others can discover their next read. Info: 702-346-5224.

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

DMPL Lab Workshop: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Digital Memories Preservation Lab. Info: 702-346-5224.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Mug Mania Competition: 10

a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A fun competition to celebrate potters and handmade mugs. Fee is 10 non-perishable items for the local food bank. Call Kathleen Birkholz at 702-443-4878 or email kdb313@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

Y.A. for A Book Club: 4:30 p.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.

Palette and Pour Party: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is “The Fisherman by Jenna.” Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or christinepicior@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

WinterFest: 10:30 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Turn in your winter reading challenge log to get a prize. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, FEB. 2

Junk Journal Club: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Learning Center Classroom. Come learn about junk journaling. Call 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

Mesquite Nevada Patriots: 2:30 p.m., Veteran's Center, 840 Hafan Lane. Guest speaker is TBD. Regular meeting first Tuesday of the month. Call 702-613-4660.

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1. Laura Ingalls' notebook
6. Boozer
9. Biblical pronoun
13. Sacred text, to some
14. "Fat chance!"
15. Afrikaners' ancestors
16. Cake spread
17. Chowd down
18. Clear the blackboard
19. *Barn chore
21. *John Deere, e.g.
23. Nirvana's "Come as You
"
24. Spasm of pain
25. Broadband access overseer,
acr.
28. Mark for omission
30. Recessed space
35. "____ and the Real Girl,"
movie
37. "Shoot!"
39. E in baseball box score
40. Oil org.
41. Intelligent
43. A mixture or medley
44. Children's respiratory disease
46. Foggy view?
47. Politicians, for short
48. In a sympathetic manner
50. Ski hill ride
52. Maiden name indicator
53. Bald eagle's nest
55. Repeated Latin dance step
57. *a.k.a. harvester
61. *Opposite of pasture
65. *Common varieties are yellow,
red and white
66. Tall tale
68. Smooth, in manner
69. Audience's approval
70. "____ at ease"
71. Stomach sore
72. Caribou or moose
73. Soldier's bed
74. Harsh

DOWN

1. *Separate cream from milk
2. Locus, pl.
3. Seed coat
4. Form of Japanese poetry
5. Encircle
6. Deep pile carpet
7. *Cereal grass
8. Sorority letter
9. Cleopatra's necklace
10. Thermostat option
11. Guesstimate phrase (2
words)
12. Olympic cast-out, e.g.
15. Charles Darwin's vessel
20. Must-haves
22. Ribonucleic acid, acr.
24. Fine
25. *Group of chickens
26. Birthplace of Caprese
27. Oedipus' successor
29. *Baby sheep
31. *____ rotation
32. Acrylic fiber
33. Bridal veil fabric
34. With a jagged margin
36. Gulf War missile
38. *Pasture-raised chicken's
morsel
42. Vanish without this?
45. Lamentation
49. Japanese capital
51. Rh in Rh disease
54. Indiana Jones' find, e.g.
56. Not a minor
57. For boys and girls
58. Popular fairy-tale beginning
59. Stephen King's "The Green
"
60. *Male pig
61. Abe Lincoln's hat material
62. Tatted cloth
63. Done
64. Seaside bird
67. UN labor grp.

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