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## NEWS AND NOTES

### 'SEUSSICAL JR.' COMING TO COMMUNITY THEATRE

The whimsical world of Dr. Seuss will come to life on stage this summer as the Mesquite Community Theatre and Virgin Valley Theatre Group present "Seussical Jr."

The family-friendly musical production will feature beloved Dr. Seuss characters and stories brought together in an imaginative performance filled with music, humor and colorful storytelling.

Music for the local production is supervised, adapted and produced by Bryan Louiselle, with direction by Wendie Killinger.

Performances are scheduled at Mesquite Community Theatre, located at 150 N. Yucca St. with showtimes including: Friday, June 12 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 13 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets and additional information are available at MCTNV.com or

by calling 702-345-4499.

### GOLF TOURNEY BENEFITS FIRST RESPONDERS

The 6th Annual "Best of the Best" First Responders Charity Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, June 13, at Conestoga Golf Club. The event will raise money to support Mesquite Police, Fire and Rescue personnel through the Mesquite First Responders Charity.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. with a 7 a.m. shotgun start at the award-winning golf club located at 1499 Falcon Ridge Parkway.

The tournament features a \$300 entry fee per person with five-player teams competing for cash prizes, including \$6,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place and \$1,500 for third place. Organizers say 40 percent of every entry fee will go directly to the charity.

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Performances are scheduled for: Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 20 at 2 and 7 p.m.

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## Stahl, Kelly claim track state titles

By Breven Honda

Throughout the 2026 high school track and field season, Virgin Valley High School senior Keegan Stahl has been a force in the sprint events.

His success continued at the NIAA Class 3A State Championship Meet at Hug High School on May 15, when he captured the state title in the 100 meters with a winning time of 11.09 seconds.

Stahl won the race by 0.32 seconds over Brenden Van Vliet of Moapa Valley. The state title capped a senior campaign in which Stahl won the 100 meters seven different times, including a personal-record performance of 10.88 seconds at the Boulder City Invitational.

With the victory, Stahl became the first Bulldog to win the 100 meters at a state meet since Jesse Avillar accomplished the feat in both 2003 and 2004 with winning times of 11.2 and 11.13 seconds, respectively.

Stahl qualified for the state meet by running the 100 meters in 11.05 seconds and finishing second to Van Vliet by just 0.01 seconds.

The senior also competed in the 200 meters at the state meet. Stahl, who won the 200 meters in personal-record fashion at the 3A Southern Regional on May 9 with a time of 22.08 seconds, came just short of winning a second state title, finish-

ing runner-up in the event with the same time of 22.08 seconds.

Entering the state championship meet, Stahl had won the 200 meters at six different meets, including the Ken Jensen Invitational on his home track, where he posted a time of 22.66 seconds.

Another state championship for Virgin Valley High School came from senior Wynn Kelly, who won the girls high jump event by clearing 5 feet, 2 inches.

In all 12 of her high jump competitions this season, Kelly finished either first or second, highlighted by victories in 10 meets.

The senior entered the state championship meet riding a streak of seven consecutive high jump victories, including a personal-record performance of 5 feet, 5 inches at the regional meet.

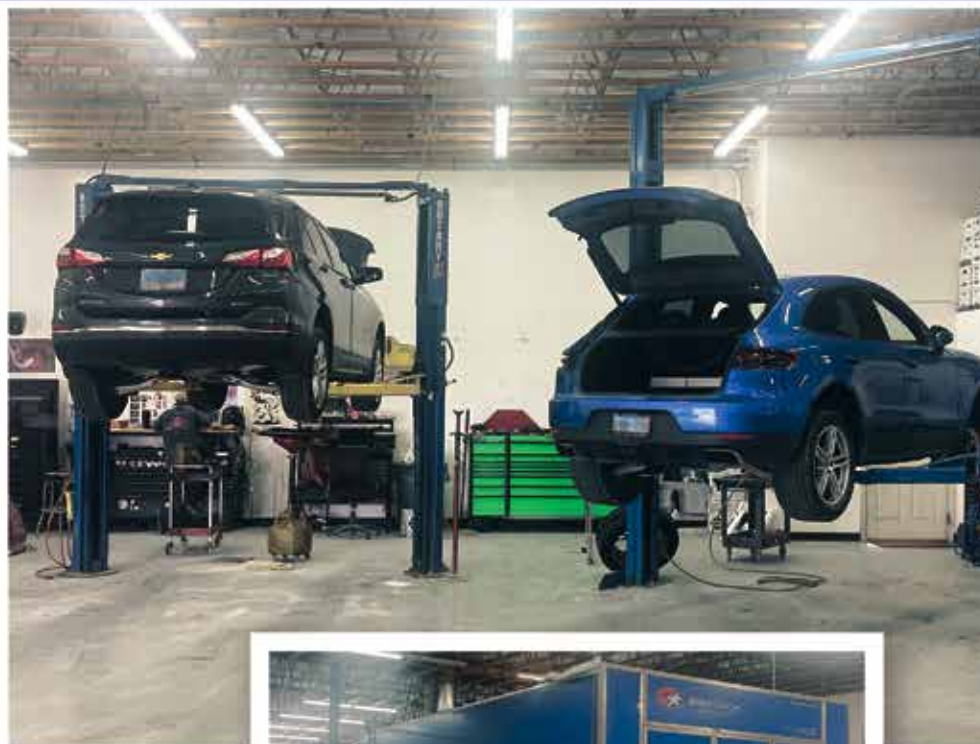
Kelly became the first Virgin Valley athlete to win the high jump at a state meet since 1997 and the first Bulldog to win a jumping event at state since Nikita Eskelsen captured the long jump title in 2019.

At the state meet, Kelly also placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 36 feet, 2 inches and finished fifth in the long jump at 16 feet, 3 inches.

Her mark in the triple jump was

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# Mesquite Fire Station #2 ready for ribbon cutting

By Breven Honda

Excitement is building for the Mesquite Fire and Rescue Department.

On June 3, the local fire department will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the grand opening of Fire Station #2. Located at 1105 Horizon Blvd., the department is eager to begin operations out of its third station in the city.

“We’re excited for our firefighters and excited for our community,” Mesquite Fire and Rescue Chief Jayson Andrus said. “These types of projects take years of planning and budgeting, and we’re excited for everyone involved. We appreciate the support from the elected officials who helped make this happen.

“Brandon Bentley has led the project from the city’s perspective and has done a wonderful job. So many departments have helped make this come to fruition, and we appreciate the coordinated effort from all sides of the city.”

Over the last year, \$7.8 million has been committed to the project since the groundbreaking ceremony on June 11, 2025.

Six days after the ribbon cutting — and two days before the one-year anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony — the new fire station will become fully operational on June 9.

Throughout the yearlong construction process, the fire department has been planning how to integrate a third station alongside Fire Station #1 on Mesquite Boulevard and Fire Station #3 on John Deere Drive.

With the west side and central portions of town already covered, the new station will provide critical support for the city’s growing north side.

“Throughout the process, it’s validated the need for this station on the north end of the city,” Andrus said.

“Approximately 90% of residential growth is occurring north of I-15, and that is where the growth is happening. It’s important that we have support from city officials to build that infrastructure for emergencies in our community.”

However, adding a third fire station will require operational adjustments once full service begins.

“It’s going to change our operational mode from responding with two stations to responding with three,” the fire chief said. “I think communication between the stations is pivotal to ensure we have proper backup. If one station can’t respond because crews are already on other calls, the internal communication within our organization and among our members is going to be a key part of our success.”

The addition of the new station is also expected to lower response times to emergency calls, including incidents such as the brush and ditch fires that impacted Mesquite on May 20 and 21.

Andrus said he can travel from Fire Station #1 to Fire Station #2 in eight minutes and 21 seconds.

That time difference can play a pivotal role not only in fire emergencies, but also in medical emergencies such as strokes, heart attacks and cardiac arrests. Every second counts, and a new station could make a life-saving difference.

“Time is tissue, specifically on medical events, so it’s lives saved,” Andrus said. “That’s just on the medical side. When it comes to fires, a fire almost doubles in size every minute, so those seconds matter.

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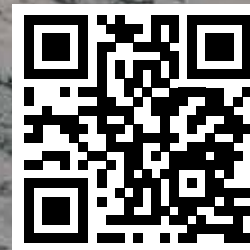
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# Animal Shelter opens new, upgraded building

By Breven Honda

Mesquite has evolved beyond its “small city” image, having been named Nevada’s fastest-growing city in recent years.

That growth has led to a variety of renovations and improvements throughout the community. Back in March, the Mesquite Animal Shelter became the latest city facility to receive major upgrades, providing an improved experience for both pets and visitors.

On March 5, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the newly renovated shelter building at 795 Hardy Way.

“It was great. The reaction from all the people who have adopted from us and come through has been, ‘Wow, this is just great,’” said Animal Control Manager Joe Macias. “It’s so much more functional.

“People come in and say, ‘It doesn’t even feel like an animal shelter.’ It’s nice and open, and that’s where I’ve seen the biggest impact — making it flow much easier and better for the public.”

Since the renovation was completed, upgrades have been made throughout the property.

Meet-and-greet rooms were added for potential adopters. Quarantine and isolation rooms, along with the laundry room, were upgraded. A conference room was also included for meetings and staff training to improve communication and education among shelter employees.

Among all the improvements, Macias said the new lobby stands out the most.

“When people come in, it’s not so congested,” Macias said. “It’s easier to take people back to see the dogs or cats, and we now have true



quarantine and isolation areas for the cats.”

The added space has also allowed the shelter to better accommodate a variety of animals.

Macias said animals previously had to be placed wherever space was available, including in the lobby.

“Before, we were sometimes putting them wherever we could,” he said. “Having those designated areas has been really nice for us. We even have a designated room for pocket pets when we get gerbils or rabbits. In the past, we sometimes had them in hallways or crates be-

cause we had no room. So it’s been super nice.”

One adjustment Macias and his staff have had to get used to is the quieter atmosphere created by the new kennel layout.

“Because our offices are over in the new area, we were so used to hearing the dogs barking right next to the kennels,” Macias said. “Now we can barely hear it, so the quietness has been kind of weird.”

The upgraded shelter has already faced a major test. On May 15, Mesquite Police Depart-

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ment and Mesquite Animal Control officers responded to a property containing 77 dogs. The number later increased to 81 after one dog gave birth to four puppies.

Macias said the renovations demonstrated the shelter's ability to handle a large influx of animals.

One of the key contributors to making the project possible was Mesquite City Council member Pattie Gallo.

"We're thankful the City Council realized we needed it," Macias said. "Councilwoman Gallo has been a volunteer for almost 10 years, so she's seen the need because she's there volunteering all the time. I think when she ran for council, this was one of her focuses. She saw the need and helped make it happen for us."

The renovated building is just one of several recent accomplish-

ments for the shelter.

In 2024, the Mesquite Animal Shelter was named Agency of the Year by the National Animal Care and Control Association.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen also presented Macias, on behalf of the shelter, with a Congressional Recognition honoring the facility's growth and impact on animal welfare.

"When we got the Agency of the Year award, it showed the teamwork we've built," Macias said. "We're trying to make things better not only for the pets, but also for the people coming to adopt or reclaim their animals. We work really hard. That's a once-in-a-lifetime award in my career, so we're pretty proud."

Even as staff members continue adjusting to the renovated facility, the mission remains unchanged.

"Our goal is the same: to provide the best care we can," Macias said. "This just makes it easier to do that. It's nice. It's not chaos."



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# Track

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also a personal record after previously reaching 33 feet, 5 inches earlier this season and 33 feet, 9 inches at last year's state meet.

Like the high jump, Kelly entered the state meet with a personal record in the long jump after reaching 16 feet, 7 inches at the regional meet.

Also earning podium finishes for the Bulldogs were Ethan Ofori, who placed third in the boys triple jump at 41 feet, 7 inches, and Tyzin Broderick, who finished fifth in the boys 3,200 meters.

Mayzie Tobler also placed sixth in both the shot put and discus events with marks of 29 feet, 10 inches and 81 feet, 10 inches, respectively.

## SWIMMING

The Virgin Valley High School swim team delivered a standout performance at the Nevada State Swimming Championships in Las Vegas, highlighted by another historic showing from senior Kyra Jensen.

Jensen captured her third consecutive state championship in the girls 50 freestyle, cementing her legacy as one of the top swimmers in school

history. She also repeated as state champion in the 100 freestyle, giving her back-to-back titles in that event.

The senior now owns three state championships in the 50 freestyle, two titles in the 100 freestyle and also won the 100 backstroke as a freshman.

Virgin Valley also received strong performances from Alya Andrade, who placed second in the butterfly and third in the individual medley.

On the boys side, Quade Griffiths earned fourth-place finishes in both the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle.

The Bulldogs also impressed in relay competition. The girls relay team of Jensen, Andrade, Brooke Zarate and Taylor Blazzard finished second in the 400 freestyle relay and fourth in the medley relay.

The boys relay team of Griffiths, Beau Garrett, Austin Pearson and Kole Garrett placed fourth in both the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

Virgin Valley's 400 freestyle relay team of Pearson, Michael Pearce, Jackson Cunningham and Kole Garrett added an eighth-place finish at the state meet.

The Bulldogs' collection of individual titles, relay podium finishes and top statewide placements capped another memorable season for the program.



Kyra Jensen won state swimming titles in the 50 and 100 freestyle for Virgin Valley High. (VVDawgs Facebook photo)



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# Annuities: Perception vs. reality

By Ron Bird

If you've been around retirement planning conversations in Mesquite lately, you've probably heard the word annuity come up. And depending on who's talking, it can sound like either a very safe solution or something overly complicated you're better off avoiding altogether.



That gap between how people perceive annuities and how they actually work is pretty common. And honestly, most of the confusion comes from the fact that annuities aren't really a single "thing." They're more like a category of financial tools designed to solve a specific problem: turning savings into income.

At their core, that's really what they do. You put money in, and in return, you can receive income later, sometimes for a set period, and sometimes for the rest of your life, depending on how it's structured. For many retirees, that idea alone is appealing because it introduces something a lot of retirement plans struggle to guarantee: predictability.

But perception often steps in before people ever get that far.

For some, annuities feel restrictive. There's a belief that once money goes in, it disappears into a system that's hard to access. For others, they sound overly complex, filled with terms and timelines that make it difficult to tell what's actually happening. And for a few, they get grouped into the same category as "financial products that are probably too good to be true."

The reality is a little less dramatic, but more nuanced.

Annuities are structured products. That means the details matter. A lot. How long you hold them,

when income starts, what type of annuity it is, and what options you choose all change the outcome. Some are designed for long-term income stability, while others allow more flexibility or growth potential before payouts begin.

In other words, it's not really about whether annuities are good or bad. It's about whether they fit what someone is trying to accomplish.

That's where the conversation usually shifts for most people. Once the fear of the unknown drops away, the focus becomes much simpler: What do I need my money to do for me in retirement?

For some Mesquite residents, the answer is steady, predictable income they can count on alongside Social Security. For others, it's maintaining access and flexibility. And for many, it's some combination of both.

Annuities may or may not play a role in that picture, but they're worth understanding on their own terms, not just based on reputation or secondhand opinions.

Like most financial tools, they aren't designed to solve every problem. They're designed to solve a specific one. And once that's clear, the conversation usually becomes less about perception and more about fit. And that's really the point: not to overcomplicate annuities, but to understand them well enough to decide where they do, or don't, belong in a retirement plan.

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**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.

### 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](mailto: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. 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 [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:** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Teen programs operate under the principles of HOMAGO: Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out. Refers to spaces and learning activities that allow for flexible, hands-on experimentation, collaboration and tinkering in areas of professional interest. All supplies provided. 702-346-5224.

**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

**Meditation Class for Beginners:** 6-7 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Class for those who are curious about meditation but don't know where to start. Members \$20, non-members \$25. 702-346-1338.

### 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.

**Bereavement Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. 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).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 4

**Genealogy Workshop:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St., Learning Center Building Join for an engaging introductory workshop designed for new family history researchers. Info: 702-346-5224.

**What's Happening Mesquite Breakfast:** 8-9:30 a.m., Cinnamon Cafe, 555 Highland Drive. Hear from chamber members as they share updates of what's happening in Mesquite. Register by calling 702-346-2902.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 5

**Science Fun for Little One's:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore STEAM and early literacy with fun stories, activities and experiments. Ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not re-

quired, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

**Teen Sewing Class:** 3-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Learn the basics of machine and hand sewing. Grades 6-12. Registration required. Info: 702-346-5224.

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**Circles of Bubbles with Kirk Marsh:** 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Circle of Bubbles is an enchanting experience that combines bubble-making with dazzling lights and mesmerizing music. Info: 702-346-5224.

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

**Apple iPhone:** 2-3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Learn the ins and outs of your iPhone. Call 702-346-5224.

**Hook and Needle Stitch Night:** 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A casual night for yarn lovers and anyone who would like to join in. Contact Kim Woolsey at [kimmiekaye@live.com](mailto:kimmiekaye@live.com).

**Music Trivia Night:** 7-11 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd. Test your music knowledge and earn prizes. Free event. Must be 21-plus.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured

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# The impossible test

By Pastor Chris Wall

Imagine taking a highly complex field—something like aeronautical engineering—where every calculation must be exact. You're dealing with lift, drag, thrust, and precise formulas that determine whether something flies or crashes. It's the kind of discipline people spend decades mastering.



Now, picture walking into a kindergarten classroom and placing that exam in front of them. You say, "Go ahead—design a jet engine. But if you get even one part wrong, you fail." You already know the outcome. The issue isn't the test—it's the gap between the standard and their ability. The standard is real and good, but completely beyond them.

This is the point James makes about God's law. It's not a simple checklist or a set of manageable expectations. It reflects God's perfect character—complete and exact. When James says that stumbling in one point makes you guilty of all, he's showing that this isn't a test you can mostly pass. It demands perfection.

We tend to think in percentages. If we're mostly good, we assume we're doing alright. But God's law doesn't grade on a curve. To fall short at any point is to fall short entirely.

That's why Christ matters. He is the only one who has ever met that standard

fully—every action, every motive, perfectly right. Where we fail, He succeeded. In grace, He takes our failure and gives us His righteousness. The "impossible test" isn't meant to leave us hopeless, but to point us to Him.

James then addresses a specific failure: favoritism. He warns against honoring the rich while dishonoring the poor. God often works in unexpected ways—those we overlook may be the very people He has chosen. Yet we tend to value status, even when those we admire have no regard for God, while neglecting those who do.

This kind of partiality, James says, is not a small issue—it's sin. It breaks the very law we claim to follow: "love your neighbor as yourself." Real love doesn't show favoritism. It sees people as they truly are, not based on status or benefit.

Then James presses the deeper point: the law is one whole. Breaking one part means breaking all of it. The standard is perfection—and we all fall short. But again, this is where the good news comes in: what the law demands, Christ fulfilled.

Finally, James turns to mercy. What we say and how we live reveal what we believe. Those who show no mercy will receive none. Mercy is central because it's what we've received. We deserve judgment—but God gives mercy.

And this is the conclusion: "Mercy triumphs over judgment." The Christian life is shaped by that truth. The standard is impossibly high, and we fail often. But Christ does not fail. In Him, we don't find judgment—we find grace that triumphs.

*Chris Wall is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church (750 W. Pioneer Blvd.).*



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movie is "Rental Family." Call 702-346-5224.

## MONDAY, JUNE 8

**iPhone Photography:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Learn how to use your iPhone camera. Call 702-346-5224.

**Vitalant Blood Drive:** 2-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Appointment required. Visit [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter code MES-QUITELIBLV or call 877-258-4825.

**Social Media Class:** 3-5 p.m. Eureka Casino Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd. Introductory class designed to teach beginners how to use Facebook and Instagram effectively. Free event, space is limited. Registration at [EurekaMesquite.com](http://EurekaMesquite.com).

**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, JUNE 9

**Glass Drop in:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

**Popcorn & Movie:** 2-3:40 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come out and see Enchanted and enjoy some popcorn. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Hearts of Hope:** 4-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Group discussion for those affected by cancer.

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m.,

Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

**Book Bingo:** 1-2:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books. 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](mailto:swtinsd@gmail.com). Call 702-346-2902.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**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.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**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.

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

**Seussical Jr:** 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss. \$25 admission. Visit [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com).

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

**NVDEMS Chair's Reception:** 5:30 p.m., NVDEMS chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno hosts with special guest U.S. Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock of Georgia. RSVP at <https://se->

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**Michael Grimm:** 8 p.m., Casa-  
Blanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.  
See Michael Grimm and his band  
perform. Free admission. 21—plus.  
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**Magical Midsummer Celebra-  
tion:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library,  
160 W. 1st. N. St. Join kid's magician  
John Lewis and learn some magic  
tricks. Ages 3-17 with their families.  
Info: 702-346-5224.

**Teen Midsummer Celebra-  
tion:** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Mesquite Library,  
160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for crafts and re-  
freshments to celebrate the midpoint  
of the Summer Reading Challenge.  
Info: 702-346-5224.

**Seussical Jr:** 2 and 7 p.m., Mes-  
quite Community Theatre, 150 N.  
Yucca St. Based on the works of Dr.  
Seuss. \$25 admission. Visit www.  
mctnv.com.

**Living on a Prayer - Bon Jovi  
Tribute:** 7 p.m., Eureka Casino Re-  
sort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd. Hear  
all of Bon Jovi's hits. Tickets start at  
\$35.

**Yellow Brick Road:** 8 p.m., Casa-  
Blanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.  
If you're a lover of classic rock, this  
show is for you. Free admission. 21—  
plus. Visit Casablanca.playmesquite.  
com

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m.,

Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W.  
Mesquite Blvd. Registration not re-  
quired, walk in only. Limited to 10  
participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo  
only. Visit mesquitefineartcenter.  
com.

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

## MONDAY, JUNE 15

**Virgin Valley Artists General  
Meeting:** 11 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts  
Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., The  
public is invited to attend. Contact  
Mary Mathis at vvarts@gmail.com.

**Virgin Valley Breastfeeding  
Support Group:** 11:15 a.m. Mesquite  
Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Free support  
for breastfeeding mothers from the  
Nevada Breastfeeding Coalition. Call  
702-346-5224.

**Hydroponics for Families:**  
4-4:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W.  
1st. N. St. Learn hydroponics basics  
and get a plant to own. All ages. Info:  
702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**3D Printing Design:** 10:30-11:30  
a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St.,  
Learning Center Building. Come  
learn all about 3D printing. Call 702-  
346-5224.

**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.

**AARP Driver's Course:** 11 a.m. -

3 p.m., Senior Center, 102 W. Old Mill  
Road. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring  
your drivers license and AARP card if  
you have one. \$20 for members, \$25  
for non-members. Call 702-346-5290  
to register.

**Make a Mess:** 2-5 p.m., Mesquite  
Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Make a mess  
at fun activity stations and leave the  
mess. Ages 4-17. Info: 702-346-5224.

**City Technical Review meet-  
ing:** 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mes-  
quite Blvd. Regular meetings of the  
Mesquite City Technical Review  
Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**Chamber Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m.-1  
p.m., Terrace Restaurant, Wolf Creek  
Golf Club, 403 Paradise Parkway.  
Guest speakers are Fire Chief Jayson  
Andrus and Police Chief Tracy Fails.  
Members \$40, non-members \$50.  
RSVP by June 10. 702-346-2902.

**3D Pen Coloring:** 3-4:30 p.m.,  
Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St.,  
Learning Center Building. Join a  
fun afternoon of drawing in 3D.  
Free and open to the public. Call  
702-346-5224.

**Trivia Night:** 4:30-6 p.m., Mes-  
quite Library, 160 W. 1st St.. A night of  
quick thinking, friendly rivalry and  
plenty of laughs. Call 702-346-5224.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**Awards Ceremony and Re-  
ception:** 4-6 p.m. Mesquite Fine Arts  
Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., The  
public is invited to attend this open  
house reception for the America 250  
exhibition.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19

**Library closed:** Juneteenth holi-  
day.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** 9 a.m.  
- 2 p.m., Jimmie Hughes Campus, 150  
N. Yucca St, Suite 1. Schedule at www.  
redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-  
2767.

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m.,  
Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W.  
Mesquite Blvd. Registration not re-  
quired, walk in only. Limited to 10  
participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo  
only. Visit mesquitefineartcenter.  
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**Palette and Pour Party:** 5-7:30  
p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15  
W. Mesquite Blvd. Theme is "Vin-  
cents Desert" by Chris. Cost is \$35.  
Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-  
9964 or chrirstinepicior@gmail.com

**School of Rock, The Musical:** 7  
p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre,  
150 N. Yucca St. Based on the movie  
by Mike White and performed by  
The Rising Stars. \$25 admission. Vis-  
it www.mctnv.com.

**Rock 702:** 8 p.m., CasaBlanca Re-  
sort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. See Rock  
702 perform. Free admission. 21—  
plus. Visit Casablanca.playmesquite.  
com

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20

**Breakfast or Coffee:** 9 a.m., Ter-  
race Restaurant at Wolf Creek Golf  
Club, 403 Paradise Parkway. An in-  
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**Virgin Valley History:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore different historical aspects of the local area. Event is a Partnership with the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum. Call 702-346-5224.

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

**School of Rock, The Musical:** 2 and 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. Based on the movie by Mike White and performed by The Rising Stars. \$25 admission. Visit [www.mctnv.com](http://www.mctnv.com).

**Cricut Craft Club:** 2-3:30 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 "250 Years" by Chris. Cost is \$35. Contact Christine Picior at 435-229-9964 or [christinepicior@gmail.com](mailto:christinepicior@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

## MONDAY, JUNE 22

**Peter and the Wolf:** 10 a.m.,

Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. The Fratello Marionettes delight and enchant with this performance. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Gaming at the Library:** 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Kids have a chance to play a variety of games. Ages 3-12 and families. Info: 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Glass Drop in:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit

**Popcorn & Movie:** 2-3:40 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come out and see Super Mario Bros and enjoy some popcorn. Info: 702-346-5224.

[mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**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.

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**D.I.Y Craft:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Make something unique and creative. All supplied included. Call 702-346-5224.

**Storytelling Workshop:** noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Listen to traditional diné stories and discover the importance of oral teaching in indigenous communities. Info: 702-346-5224.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26

**Create and Connect:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, Learning Center, 160 W. 1st. St. Free Makerspace program invites adults to connect and create. Registration required. Free. Call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**Memoir Workshop:** 10:30 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, Learning Center, 160 W. 1st. St. An opportunity to approach writing as a creative process while honing one's own genuine voice. Call 702-346-5224.

**Dungeon & Dragons:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come out and let your imagination run wild. Space is limited. 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.

**Karaoke Night:** 7-11 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd. Come out and sing all your favorite songs and win prizes. Free event, 21-plus.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

**Fused Glass Drop in:** 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration not required, walk in only. Limited to 10 participants. \$10 fee, cash or Venmo only. Visit [mesquitefineartcenter.com](http://mesquitefineartcenter.com).

**Children's Sensory Movie:** 1-4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is TBD. Call 702-346-5224.

## MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 30

**Book Swap Club:** 1-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Bring a book to discuss with the group. Afterwards, swap or share the title and author with others. Call 702-346-5224.

**Popcorn & Movie:** 2-3:40 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Come out and see Bad Guys 2 and enjoy some popcorn. Info: 702-346-5224.

**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.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**Mesquite to Moapa Democrats:** 6 p.m., The Meeting Spot, 312 W. Mesquite Blvd., Suite 103. Guest speakers TBD. For more information, email [mesquite2moapadems@gmail.com](mailto:mesquite2moapadems@gmail.com).

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# PUZZLES

## THEME: CANDY

### ACROSS

- Family room staple
- Refrigerator sound
- \*One of original Life Savers flavors

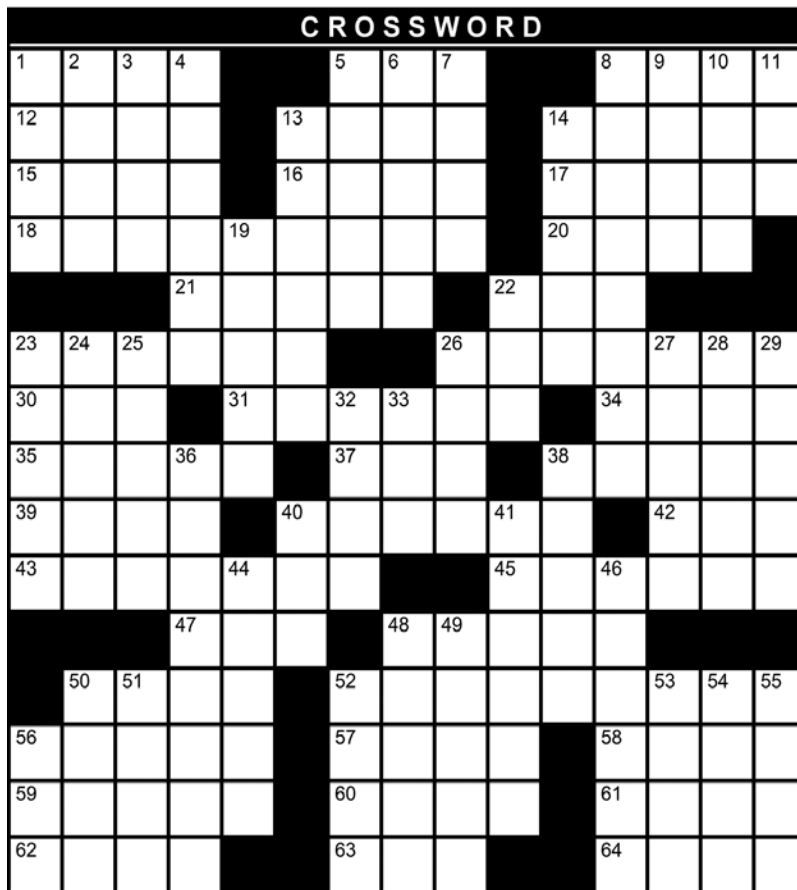
### DOWN

- Diabolical
- Supernatural life force
- Dust allergy triggers
- Magnesium silicate
- Thor's father
- Audience's approval
- \*Coconutty candy bar (2 words)
- Baltimore player
- Dip a \_\_\_\_\_ the water
- Acronym, abbr.
- \*"The Freshmaker" candy
- Deck painter, often
- Flight info
- Russia's plain
- Nat of Jazz
- N in RN
- Across, in verse
- \*Inspired by "Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"
- Under the weather
- Lipase or sucrase, e.g.
- Part of a match
- English traveling courts
- Ones with title
- \_\_\_\_ Aviv
- Sign of life
- Between Phi and Kappa
- \*Once known as Chicken Feed (2 words)
- Trollop, in the olden days
- Eyeball rudely
- "I \_\_\_\_ wed"
- Opposite of fires
- Bear's den
- Gives a hand
- Between ids and super-egos
- Symbol of industriousness
- \*Dad's \_\_\_\_ Beer Barrels candy

- It will
- Animal protein
- Is, in France
- Unassuming
- Muhammad's birthplace
- Gallows loop
- \*Polished off candy, e.g.
- High IQ society
- Lady's pocketbook
- Narcotics agents
- Light on one's feet
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Village V.I.P.
- Catches one's breath
- Ages and ages
- \*Pfefferminz, for short
- \*"Taste the Rainbow" candies
- Broadway's news boy
- Ray-finned fish
- Decompose
- Ardors
- Bee's favorite drink
- Like a Druid
- Without illumination
- Place for mutinous sailor
- France's currency
- \*Other Rocket Fizz product
- Kent State state
- Do over
- Hatchling's home
- Café alternative

### DOWN

- \_\_\_\_\_ good example
- Like West Wing's office
- 35mm, e.g.
- "Little Men" author
- Mecca pilgrim
- Teamsters group
- "Out of \_\_\_\_\_, one"
- \*Good & Plenty flavor



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