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## NEWS AND NOTES

### ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL GETS UNDERWAY IN MARCH

Spring softball leagues registrations run through March 15 with play beginning March 28.

Co-ed leagues are scheduled for Tuesdays and men's leagues are on Wednesdays. The seasons will run six to eight weeks with two games per night. There will also be an end of season tournament. Cost is \$300 per team.

Those interested can email Zach Robison at zrobison@mesquitenv.gov or visit the Mesquite Recreation Center at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

### MANTA RAYS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the summer Manta Rays swim team through the Mesquite Athletics & Leisure Services.

Official practice begins Tuesday, May 30. Cost is \$100 for the first

child and \$90 for any other child in the household.

Open swim is scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 9. All swimmers wanting to join the program must be able to swim a minimum of 25 yards in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke without touching the bottom or sides of the pool or be certified as a level 4 swimmer.

To register, visit [www.mesquitenv.gov](http://www.mesquitenv.gov) or visit the recreation center in person at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

### YOUTH SUMMER DODGEBALL SLATED TO BEGIN IN MAY

Registration begins May 10 for youth summer dodgeball at the Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road.

Play begins May 30 with games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 7-8 will play at 5:15 p.m.; ages 9-10 will play at 6:15 p.m.; and 11-12 will play

at 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$35 for a season package that includes a t-shirt, or a daily \$6 drop-in fee that doesn't include a shirt.

Visit [www.mesquitenv.gov](http://www.mesquitenv.gov) or visit the recreation center at 100 W. Old Mill Road to register. For information, call 702-346-8732.

### HUNTER'S EDUCATION SAFETY CLASS REGISTRATION BEGINS

For those interested in hunting, the Mesquite Department of Athletics & Leisure Services is sponsoring a Hunter's Safety class held by the NDOW (Nevada Division of Wildlife).

This class will take place on Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Recreation Center located at 100 West Old Mill Road and will teach individuals the fundamentals of hunting and how to

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On Thursday, Feb. 9, Jake Noll the club president from the Mesquite Rotary noon club and Rotarian Karen Fielding visited the Mesquite Fire and Rescue Department and also the Mesquite Police Department. They donated the most delicious white chocolate popcorn for all the employees. *(Submitted photo)*

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avoid a hunting accident.

You must pre-register at the Mesquite Recreation Center & pick up your class materials, then register online with NDOW. Your Today's Hunter Workbook must be 100% complete prior to attending class. The deadline to register is Saturday, April 1, 2023. Space is limited to 20 students maximum.

The minimum age to take the class is 12. A parent(s) or guardian(s) of minor students are required to check-in the minor student(s) with NDOW instructor(s) at the beginning of class and pick-up their student(s) from

the instructor(s) at class end. Parents or guardians are also solely responsible for student transportation and should notify the instructor(s) at the beginning of class if someone other than a parent or guardian is picking up the student after class.

For more information on this and other programs please contact the Department of Athletics & Leisure Services at (702) 346-8732. Register for youth and adult programs online at: [www.mesquitenv.gov](http://www.mesquitenv.gov) for more information and to stay connected via social media, our Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRecreation) or at the Administrative Offices located at 100 W. Old Mill Road.

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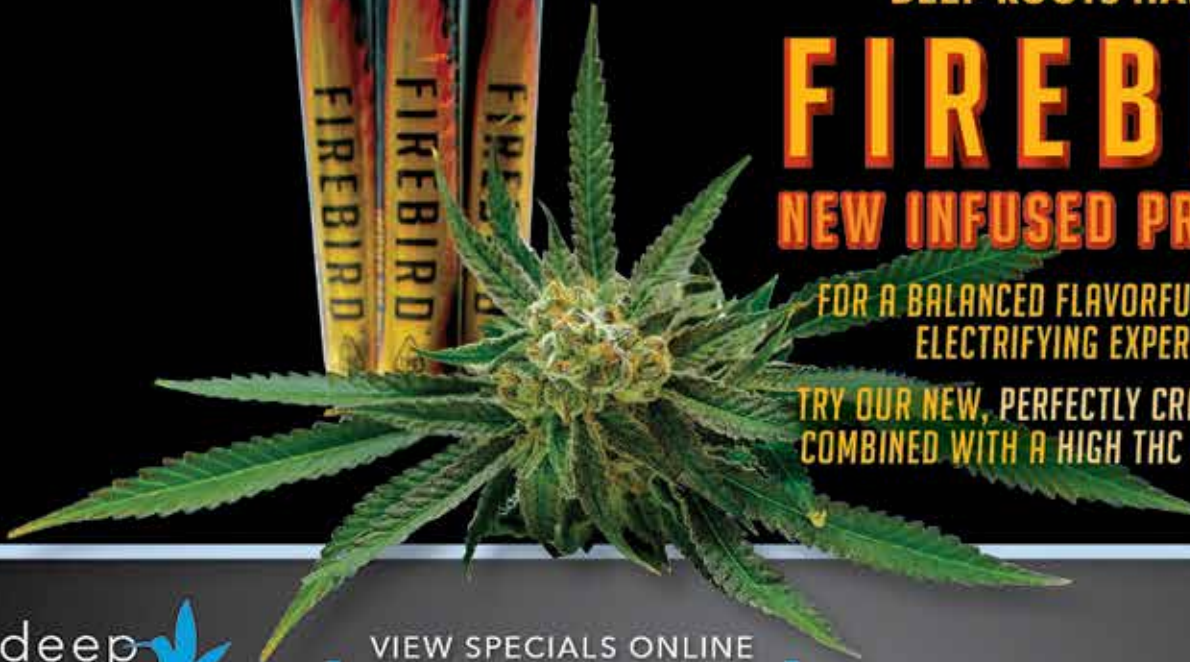


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## FROM THE MAYOR

# Mesquite can't be defined as just a 'sleepy little retirement community'

By Al Litman

I often look to social media to get a feel for what people are thinking and what's being discussed in the community. I have noticed that many of the comments are by people who either just moved here, or are recent transplants, mostly from large cities.



Yes, Mesquite has a slower pace than some people are used to. Yes, we have what seems to some, as too many Mexican restaurants, and too many car washes. Yes, we don't have big box stores, with the exception of Walmart.

I also hear that we are strictly a retirement community and nothing else. I don't feel that way, and I'll explain why.

Retirement communities are defined as groups of housing units restricted to those over a certain age, often 55 or 62. These housing units can be single-family homes, duplexes, mobile homes, townhouses or condos.

Yes, Mesquite has retirement communities like Sun City, which is a stand alone community, and a few other smaller developments mixed in various places in the city.

The rest of the city, which amounts to about 20,000 residents are a mixture of all ages. To further my comments, Dictionary.com gives a simple definition of a retirement community: A group of houses in a suburban area, or a town designated primarily for retired persons.

So what are we?

I did a little research and came up with these statistics from our most recent census.

Twenty percent of our local population is under 18, and 49 percent is over 65, leaving 31 percent between 18 and 65.

We have three public schools, and one private school in the city. The children that attend these schools have parents, for the most part in their 20s and 30s. Yes, we have more than the average over 65, but this does not make us a retirement community.

I also have had a few complaints about how many young people we have on the weekends for youth sports.

It's true. We do, often thousands along with their parents. We welcome them. They support our hotels, eating establishments and more. They bring us needed tax dollars.

Prior to COVID, we had over a million visitors a year. Roof tops do not generate the needed tax dollars needed to provide the services to the community that we have. We need businesses and visitors that spend money. I want this to be a vibrant city, not just a place to retire and pass on.

One of the four pillars that are giving us our vision of Mesquite is sports tourism, along with diversity, and economic development necessary to give us the tax dollars needed to properly run our city.

So, again, I'll ask, what are we?

Given what I said here, I'll let you decide, just don't pigeonhole us. I believe we are a little bit of every thing. That's what makes Mesquite such a great place to grow-up, work, and yes, retire when the time comes.

*Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.*



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## Rachelle Knight: Artist of the month

Rachelle Knight is a Salt Lake City-based artist who splits her time in Mesquite, where she rents studio space from the Virgin Valley Artists' Association.

She has been a member of the VVAA for eight years and currently holds a position on the board of directors as well as co-webmaster. Her art can be seen around Mesquite on various electrical boxes as well as in the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery monthly competitions.

Knight is a retired software engi-

neer. She has two teenage boys, two Australian Shepherds and an amazing husband who supports all of her crazy endeavors.

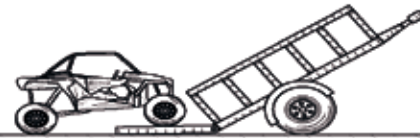
Knight is a nine-year breast cancer survivor. She wants to share her story to help others maintain hope that there is sunshine after a serious diagnosis. Her bright paintings are a result of her year-long struggle with treatment, reconstruction and depression. She hopes that while her colors are healing to her, they also bring happiness to others.

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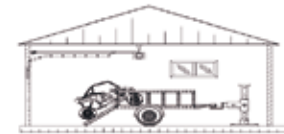


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# Virgin Valley flag football pulls off a miracle

By Breven Honda

The Virgin Valley High School flag football team was driving down the field trailing by six points with less than 20 seconds left against the Moapa Valley Pirates in the 2023 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 3A State Championship game at Las Vegas Raiders Headquarters in Henderson on Feb. 18.

The Bulldogs, who also trailed 20-0 entering the fourth quarter, found a way to come back to tie things up at 20 apiece on a touchdown with 13 seconds left to send the game to overtime.

In the extra period, despite losing the coin toss, Virgin Valley scored their touchdown. So, it was all up to Moapa Valley to keep the game going or give the Bulldogs their second straight 3A state title.

"I told the girls on the sidelines, 'You've got four plays for a state championship. It's up to you guys,'" said Virgin Valley head coach Joey Bowler, who has coached the team since its inception 11 years ago.

The defense shut out the Pirates on four consecutive plays to give the Bulldogs a state championship to remember for the rest of their lives.

"I was like, 'Look, you get knocked down in life and if you did what you did tonight, keep fighting, you're going to be successful in life because we don't know what kind of hand we get dealt. We just have to fight for



Virgin Valley's Gentree Draney carries the ball against Moapa Valley in the state 3A championship game. (Mark McEewen photo)

what we want," Bowler said to his players after the game. "I told them how proud I was of them. It was an epic comeback, and they were able to pull it off."

As much as the offense was efficient from the fourth quarter on, the pivotal moment came on the defensive side of the ball after Virgin Valley's first touchdown.

Junior Gentree Draney, who totaled a team-high six tackles and two carries for 12 yards on the offensive side of the ball, recorded an interception with a little more than six minutes left to give the Bulldogs a short field position, leading to a quick score and the momentum continuing to shift.

"That interception was the key to get us the ball back and we went down and scored pretty quick and gave enough time to hold them and get the ball back and go down and score again," Bowler said.

Moapa Valley, which was looking to avenge their two losses against the Bulldogs from earlier in the season, had everything going their way for the first three quarters, forcing Bowler and his team to modify their game plan.

"They came out with some different stuff that we hadn't seen, and it was pretty effective," Bowler said. "They were getting the ball out a lot quicker. Our blitz is really stifling a lot of times. They moved around

in the pocket. They got the ball out quick. We had to adjust, especially on defense to what they were doing."

Overall, Bulldogs senior Gabriell Potter completed 8-of-17 passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Aracely Lopez was the team's leading rusher with 21 carries for 126 yards and a touchdown while completed two of her five receptions for 32 yards and a touchdown through the air.

"Our senior leadership really carried us in that game," Bowler said. "They came through and those young girls, it's a lot of pressure in a state game and the senior girls came and kept the girls going in the second half."

Senior McKenzie Averett recorded a team-high three receptions and 56 yards while scoring one of the team's three receiving touchdowns. Junior Kaeli Moore caught a 2-yard touchdown pass and freshman Linita Kioa, who noted two receptions for 10 yards, scored from five yards out.

The state championship victory gave Virgin Valley its 20th win of the season and its 16th consecutive victory to end the 2022-23 campaign that was already highlighted by winning the 3A South League championship.

Virgin Valley and Moapa Valley, who are both in the 3A South League and took the top two spots in league play this season, respectively,

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# MSG putting finishing touches before first event

By: Breven Honda

The planning stage for the Mesquite Senior Games is coming to an end with the first event on March 3.

Mesquite Senior Games Interim President Sandy Tudor said the progress for the 16-game slate is coming along nicely with a rather smooth registration process.

"We're doing really well," Tudor said. "I don't believe we have any event at the moment that is complete sold out except for bowling. I believe the doubles is sold out and the single event is almost. Everything else we still have some openings. But, we're getting great response."

As spots continue to fill, that means the event is inching closer and closer to the start.

Tudor said she wants more squads on the diamond before the softball event kicks off the first weekend of April as only a few events have a threshold.

"We hope all of them get filled," Tudor said of each event. "There are only a few that we have a limit on the number of participants that we can have. Most of them are open to just almost as many as we can get."

"I would like to see more women's softball teams. We've only got 22 and I would like to see that close to 30. But, that's almost our last event. That doesn't happen until the first and second and the fourth and fifth of April. The only thing after that is our bocce tournament."

In addition to softball, the track and field events



Pickleball is one of the most popular events offered by the Mesquite Senior Games.

are expected to reach a high number of participants with two dozen categories. There are nine running distances, ranging from 50 meters to 5,000 meters. There are five power walk distances from 400 meters to 5,000 meters and other events.

"We have a lot of people who participate in multiple events in track and field," Tudor said. "They walk, they run, they jump. We have power walk and long jump and high jump and pole vault and shot put. We have an 89-year-old pole vaulter, who generally participates."

"We can award up to 70-some medals just in track and field event."

In addition to getting more people to participate in

the various events, Tudor is also on the lookout for more help for the games, that is run by the volunteer coordinator, Beth Caplinger.

"We can use as many people as we can get," Tudor said. "We have a database of about 100 volunteers and what we do is when we have an event come up, like right now, (Caplinger) sends out an email and says these are the events that we have coming up, these are the positions that are available."

"So at our golf events, for example, we'll need a couple of people for check-in, we'll need scorers, we'll need people to measure the long drive. They

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## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 3	Target Pistol
March 3-4	Shotgun Sports
March 11	Bowling
March 13-15	Pickleball
March 17	History Tour
March 18	Table Tennis
March 18	Fitness Hike
March 20-21	Bridge

March 24	Basketball Skills
March 25	Track & Field
March 27	Golf Events
March 30	Poker
March 31	Cornhole
April 1-2	Women's Softball (50-60)
April 4-5	Women's Softball (65+)
April 17-20	Bocce

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sign up for what they're interested in." In addition to the volunteers, the Mesquite Senior Games is looking for a new executive director.

The executive director position, which is currently vacant, oversees the planning for Mesquite Senior Games throughout the year as other events takes place during the fall and winter months.

Without an executive director, Tudor said every board member is stepping up with the Mesquite Senior Games a few weeks away.

"Right now, every board member – and there are six of us – have taken a piece of that job and owned it," Tudor said. "We, as board members, are each dealing with one aspect that the executive director should be doing.

For those looking to volunteer or want more information, you can go to Mesquite Senior Games website.

One of the new features to the games come from a health perspective. When Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed during a game against the Cincinnati Bengals during this past NFL season, it brought attention to those around the country and across the world about heart safety.

It even prompted the attention of the Mesquite Senior Games to acquire

an automatic external defibrillator, or an AED.

Tudor, who had to use an AED during a softball event five years ago, said it was important to have, especially at the events that do not already have one on site to be prepared if anything happens.

"Well, we're all old and I think we even learned during one of the football games when the 23-year-old went down with heart issues," Tudor said. "We realize there are places that don't have them, or they are not readily available. The nice thing about it, is there are so easy to use.

"You open it up and it walks you through everything you need to do, the first one being the person next to you calls 911."

As the planning concludes before the Target Pistol and Shotgun Sports events on March 3, Tudor is grateful for the sponsors, including its Corporate Sponsor, Mesquite Gaming.

Tudor also thanks the facilities being used for each event, including the Clark County School District and Virgin Valley High School for the track and field events, the Mesquite Athletic & Leisure Service for giving them the recreation center for the basketball, table tennis, pickleball courts and softball amenities and Sun City for the Poker and bocce events.

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played each other twice during the regular season.

The Bulldogs won both meetings in a span of three weeks, 24-12 at home on Jan. 4 and 34-0 at Moapa Valley on Jan. 26 in Overton.

That meeting to kick the 2023 calendar year, was a similar one despite not having to pull off a miracle like on Friday night.

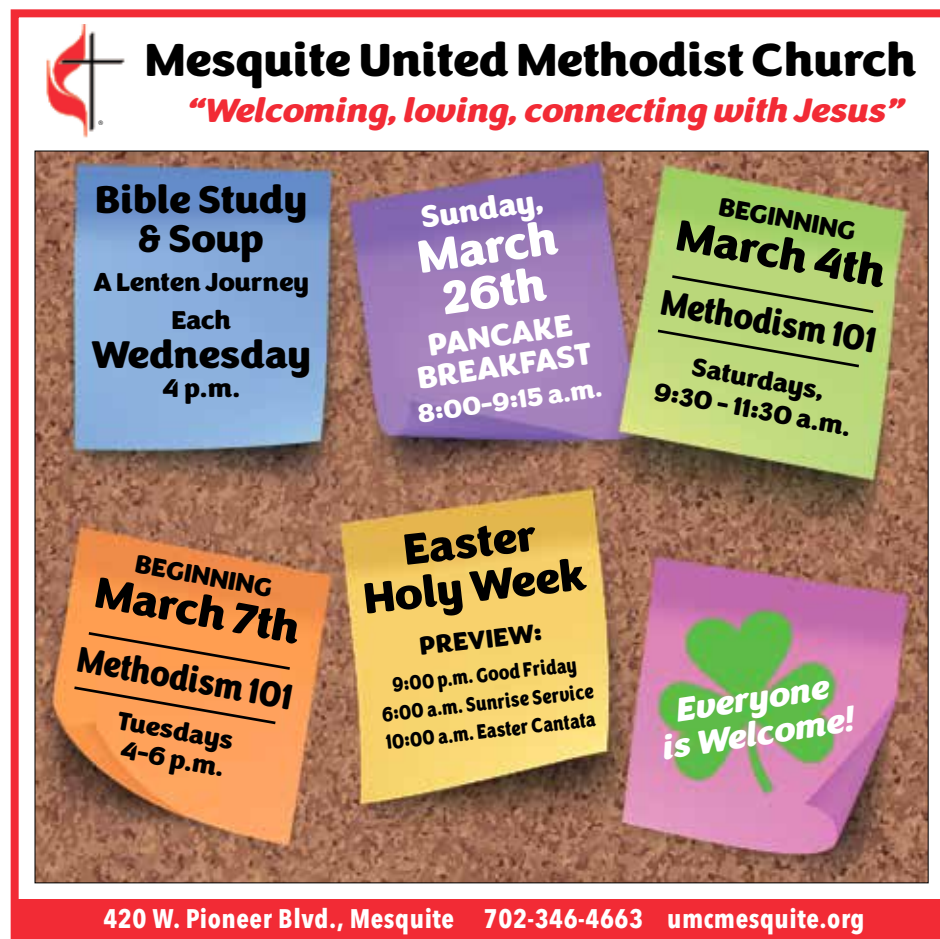
"Well, we were only down 12-6 at halftime and then we came back and again, we shut them out in the second half and beat them 24-12," Bowler said. "We weren't in such a big hole like we were in the state

championship game. We just had more time to come back, only needing one score to tie it or go ahead with an extra point.

"In the state game, we had to go down and score three times in a little more than eight minutes. Huge difference."

With the offseason upon the two-time reigning state champions, Bowler said there are only a few question marks as of now.

"Probably the key for us is who's going to step in the lead next year," Bowler said. "All the talent is there, everything else is there to be as successful as this year. We're basically losing a couple starters on defense and a couple starters on offense."



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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
8:00-9:15 a.m.

**BEGINNING March 4th**  
**Methodism 101**  
Saturdays,  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**BEGINNING March 7th**  
**Methodism 101**  
Tuesdays  
4-6 p.m.

**Easter Holy Week**  
PREVIEW:  
9:00 p.m. Good Friday  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
10:00 a.m. Easter Cantata

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN, Room 1. For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**What's Happening, Mesquite:** 8 - 9:30 a.m., Elks Lodge, 545 Riverside Road. The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend this informative meeting about what's happening in Mesquite. \$15 ad includes breakfast. Chamber members only. Call 702-346-2902.

**Cricut Club:** 10:30 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join in to learn how to use a Cricut and create a fun project. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Sign Language Group - noon - 1:30 p.m.,** Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Learn and practice sign language for personal growth and/or the ability to interact with the deaf community. Info: 702-507-4080.

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**Farmer's Market:** 2-6 p.m., Mes-



The Mesquite Farmer's Market will take place at the Mesquite Visitor's Center on March 3 and 17.

quite Welcome Center, 460 Sandhill Blvd. Locally grown, locally owned and locally crafted.

**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. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

**Donkey Jamboree:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd. Live rescue donkeys, raffle prizes. Live music by Rick Wall the Outlaw.

**Keith Zalinger Mentalist:** noon - 1:15 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Mind-reader, mentalist and hypnotist, Keith Zalinger engages the audience with the latent powers of the human mind. Call 702-507-4080.

**Conservative Club Meetings:** Doors open at 1:45 p.m., Veteran's Center. Join like-minded conservative patriots that support the U.S. Constitution and the traditional American way of life. Please contact Janis to be added to the email list or with any questions or additional information. Phone: 702-613-4660; Email: [janis.truthseeker@gmail.com](mailto:janis.truthseeker@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie "Banished of Inisherin." Call

702-507-4080.

**Concert in the Plaza:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to the band "Elmer Fudd." Call 702-507-4080.

## MONDAY, MARCH 6

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Vitalant Blood Drive:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Appointment required. Schedule at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter code MESQUITELIBLV or call 877-258-4825.

**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. Info: 702-507-4080.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Book Club:** 10 - 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join in a fun and exciting discussion of the month-

ly reading selection. Ask for current selection at the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Call 702-507-4080.

**Android Phone:** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come learn the ins and outs of your Android phone. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Brown Bag Culture Series:** noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Classroom NV. Wendy Douglas will present "Homemade Clays and Art Pieces". For details, call 702-346-1338.

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to [lindakgault@gmail.com](mailto:lindakgault@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRotary/>.

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**Arts Council Meeting:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23. Monthly board members meeting of the Mesquite Arts Council. Public is welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer or join the Mesquite Arts Council are encouraged to attend.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Chamber luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Cinnamon Cafe, 555 Highland Drive. Business networking luncheon with open mic for members. \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. Call 702-346-2902.

**Book Bingo:** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-507-4080.

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**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Sunday School All Ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Bruce Whisenhunt**  
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**Mesquite United Methodist Church**  
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**Sunday Worship** 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 Hymm Sing 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Wendy Swanson

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**Mesquite Lutheran Church**

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Sunday 8:30 a.m.	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Weekly Communion</i>	<b>LENTEN SERVICES</b> Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. <i>3/1 - 3/29 Soup Supper Afterwards</i>
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**River Valley Bible Church**

Pastor Craig Janson

Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Sunday Service 10:30 am

702-346-0339  
[rivervalleybiblechurch.org](http://rivervalleybiblechurch.org)  
 322 Hafen Lane, Mesquite

Nursery and Children's Church Available

 River Valley Bible Church



On Tuesday, January 24 Jake Noll the president of the Mesquite Rotary club noon club Along with Rotarian Karen Fielding Presented a check to Bill Ennis of the Salvation Army in the amount of \$1200, Karen Fielding also presented a check to Leslee Montgomery of the Virgin Valley food banks for \$1200. These moneys are used in helping our local community members. (Submitted photo)

**Valley Presbyterian Church**  
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 Rev. Ross Doyel, Pastor

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<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 7th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Easter Service</b>	<b>April 9th</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>

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4080.

**Virgin Valley History Series:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st St. In partnership with the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum, this monthly program explores different historical aspects of the area. Call 702-507-4080.

**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 at 702-346-3804 or email sherriejh@gmail.com.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets every Thursday at CSN, Room 1. For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**Mesquite Mystery Book Club:** 11 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-507-4080.

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**Teen GSA:** 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join LGBTQ-IA+ teens and allies who are having fun, being supportive, learning about local resources and striving to make our community stronger. Grades 6-12, ages 12-17. Info: 702-507-4080.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

**Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Card Making:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Take a class in card making at the library. Info: 702-507-4080.

**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. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

**Donkey Jamboree:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd. Live rescue donkeys, raffle prizes. Live music by Rick Wall the Outlaw.

**Family Craft:** 11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come and make a craft with your family. Info 702-507-4080.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come see the movie, "Wildhood." Call 702-507-4080.

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Virtual Author Series:** 10 - 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to a conversation with New York Times bestselling author David Epstein about his recent book "Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized Free World." Call 702-507-4080.

**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. Info: 702-507-4080.

**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, MARCH 14

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to lindakgault@gmail.com or https://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRotary/.

**City Council meeting:** 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

**Sign Language Group - 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.,** Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Learn and practice sign language for personal growth and/or the ability to interact with the deaf community. Info: 702-507-4080.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Blood Drive:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 21 W. 1st N St. The Red Cross will be collecting blood to help people in need. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org and enter code MesquiteLibNV or call 800-733-2767.

**3D Pen Coloring:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come learn about coloring with 3D Pens. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Teen Paint Your Pride Crafternoon:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Teen program operate under the principles of HOMAGO: Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out. Refers to spaces and learning activities that allow for flex-

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**Artist's Reception:** 4 - 6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Artist's reception for "Life Awakens" exhibit, which runs through March 24. Call 702-346-1338.

**CEAB meeting:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers. Meeting of the Mesquite Community Education Advisory Board.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17

**Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs,

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**Dastardly Desert Desperados:** 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. A melodrama performed by the Virgin Valley Theatre Group. Buy tickets online at mctnv.com or at the box office one hour prior to showtime.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Come out to see the movie "The Woman King." Call 702-507-4080.

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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**Concert on the Plaza:** 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Come out to listen to the Mesquite Cafe Blues Band. Call 702-507-4080.

## MONDAY, MARCH 20

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**Virgin Valley Artists Association General Meeting:** 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

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**Armed Forces Chamber Mixer:** 3 - 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. A business mixer featuring an hour of networking, plus a brief program, ceremonies and other activities. Call 702-507-4080.

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**DIY Adult Craft:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. It's an amazing feeling to make something unique and creative, so going for a fun experience. There is a different craft each month and all supplies are included. Attendance is limited, so call or register at the customer service

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

**Food Truck Saturday:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Welcome Center, 460 Sandhill Blvd. Come out and bring your appetite to experience all that food trucks have to offer.

**Children's Movie:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Join for a movie rated G or PG for children ages 0-17. Info: 702-507-4080.

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**Children's Movie:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Join for a movie rated G or PG for children ages 0-17. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Concert in the Plaza:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to the band "Flat Top Junction." Call 702-507-4080.

**Dastardly Desert Desperados:** 2 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. A melodrama performed by the Virgin Valley Theatre Group. Buy tickets online at [mctnv.com](http://mctnv.com) or at the box office one hour prior to showtime.

## MONDAY, MARCH 27

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children

ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**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. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Book Bingo:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-507-4080.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 28

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Rotary Club:** Noon, Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Email questions to [linda.kgault@gmail.com](mailto:linda.kgault@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/MesquiteNVRotary/>.

**Virtual Author Series:** 4- 5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Come listen to a conversation with New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff talk about her newest book, "Code Name Sapphire." Call 702-507-4080.

**Sign Language Group - 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.,** Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learn and practice sign language for personal growth and/or the ability to interact with the deaf community. Info: 702-507-4080.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**International Cinema (Film Discussion Group):** 2-3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join to discuss (in English) a different film each month. Pick up a copy of the month's selection at the Customer Service Desk. Call 702-507-4080.

**Kids Artsy Craft:** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Unleash your inner artist at Kids' Artsy Craft Club. Ages 5-12. Call 702-507-4080.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30

**Sunrise Rotary:** 7:30 a.m. Meets

every Thursday at CSN. Room 1. For more information, contact Deb Parsley at 702-420-4494.

**Blood Drive:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. The Red Cross will be collecting blood to help people in need. Schedule at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search for zip code 89027 or call 800-733-2767

**Sign Language Group - noon - 1:30 p.m.,** Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learn and practice sign language for personal growth and/or the ability to interact with the deaf community. Info: 702-507-4080.

**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. Info: 702-507-4080.

**Teen Crafternoon:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 121 W. 1st N St. Teen program 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. Call 702-507-4080.

**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. Info: 702-507-4080.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 31

**Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-507-4080.

**Dastardly Desert Desperados:** 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. A melodrama performed by the Virgin Valley Theatre Group. Buy tickets online at [mctnv.com](http://mctnv.com) or at the box office one hour prior to showtime.

**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. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

# PUZZLES

## THEME: BOARD GAMES

### ACROSS

1. G in mg
5. Medicinal amt.
8. Say no
11. Popular Scotch mixer
12. Country dance formation
13. List of candidates
15. Certain battery component
16. Exclamation of sorrow
17. \*"The Game of Unspeakable Fun"
18. \*"Fascinating two-handed strategy game"
20. Dutch cheese
21. Not quite right
22. \*"I thee \_\_\_\_"
23. CrÈme de \_\_\_\_
26. Where Japan is
30. Part of circumference
31. Threatened Asian or African odd-toed ungulate
34. Ready for picking
35. Reasons to sue
37. Romanian money
38. English county
39. Popular Arabic name
40. Lemon, in Paris
42. Latissimus dorsi, for short
43. Angola's southern neighbor
45. Dairy farm glands
47. Relax, or \_\_\_\_ out
48. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
50. USPS delivery
52. \*Cards against what?
55. Medicinal plant with purple berries
56. Bug-eyed
57. Tiny bottle
59. a.k.a. jumping bone
60. Plucked string instrument
61. Makes a mistake
62. \*"\_\_\_\_ Day," desirable square in The Game of Life
63. Bard's before
64. Rip apart

### DOWN

1. Govt. property org.
2. Fabled fliers
3. Mine passage
4. India's Chennai, pre-1996
5. Flooring choice, pl.
6. Hose woes
7. 100 centavos in Mexico
8. Rum cake
9. Particle in A-bomb prefix
10. What's-old-is-new-again
12. Somewhat late
13. Be at the helm
14. \*Not chutes
19. #39 Across, pl.
22. Is no longer
23. \*Trade, build, settle this island
24. Oenophile's concern
25. Curtain fabric
26. \*Connect how many?
27. Theater passage
28. Asparagus unit
29. Written works
32. Hipbones
33. Butterfly catcher
36. \*Like pursuit of no vital importance
38. "\_\_\_\_ a high note"
40. A Camel, for short
41. Result of equipment failure
44. The beauty of the ball?
46. Morgan Freeman in "Driving Miss Daisy," e.g.
48. Sign of bad news
49. Inflict a blow
50. Supernatural life force
51. Drunkard, slangily
52. Exhibiting good health
53. Swing seat, sometimes
54. Knitter's supply
55. Tree fluid
58. Dropped drug, acr.

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