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## NEWS AND NOTES

### HUNTER SAFETY COURSE SLATED FOR JAN. 27

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

This class will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27, 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 avoid a hunting accident.

Hunter Safety Education is a mandatory program for those interested in hunting that requires a license or draw tag.

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 Satur-

day, January 20, 2024. Space is limited to 20 students maximum.

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

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### VVAA HOSTING BROWN BAG LUNCHEON, GALLERY RECEPTION

The Virgin Valley Artists Association had scheduled its Brown Bag Cultural Series on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

The guest speaker will be Alisha Barrett, executive director of UNLV's Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art.

Also, on Thursday, Jan. 18, the group will host a reception for its Journey's exhibit from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit runs through Jan. 26.

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The Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite donated \$4,000 to the Mesquite Police Department's Shop with a Cop event. (Mesquite NV Police Facebook)

## ATV club donates to police event

The Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite Nevada gave a donation of \$4,000 to the Mesquite Police Department for its annual Shop with a Cop event.

The members of the Kokopelli ATV Club pooled together the money in an effort to show their

love for the children of our community and their desire to create good Christmas memories which will last a lifetime.

The police department offered a thank you Kokopelli ATV Club for its generosity and support of our annual Shop with a Cop event.

## EMT Heiselbetz is employee spotlight

FFA-EMT Neil Heiselbetz is the Mesquite Fire and Rescue employee spotlight for this month.

He was born in Cedar City, Utah, and is married to his wife Lara. They have four kids and currently live in Panaca.

Heiselbetz graduated from Lincoln County High School in 2001 then served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Texas Fort Worth area). He then attended college at UNLV and CSN with studies in Biology, as a Pre-Health Professional.

He graduated with an Associates Degree in Fire Science, Urban Fire-fighting.

Heiselbetz has always had a passion to assist those in need, so he decided to become an emergency services provider.

Although it can be challenging,



he says it is rewarding to meet that challenge by serving the good citizens of Mesquite.

Heiselbetz's hobbies

include fixing things, DIY projects, and outdoor activities. Him and his family enjoy visiting state/national parks and Nevada ghost towns.

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## FROM THE MAYOR

# A look back can always lead to a look forward in Mesquite

By Al Littman

It's January and a new year has begun. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Well, it's back to work.

I'll be preparing for the annual State of the City address, but before that, I'll be giving a preview at Sun City, later this month.

In thinking about what I want to say, I looked back at some of the articles I wrote in 2023.

In the January 2023 issue of this newspaper, I wrote an article regarding the desire by some here to break up the Clark County School District. It didn't happen.

Hopefully, when it's tried again, there will be a more organized plan. I would like to see it happen, but it will be very difficult. In the meantime, the district moves ahead with no plan for success, and Nevada education just seems to be stagnate. It won't be money that will solve their problems.



During the past year, I spent considerable time dealing with issues like old worn out buildings causing blight in Mesquite.

We finally got rid of one, but there are several more that either need complete renovation or need to come down.

I can't understand property owners with no pride in what they own. A coat of paint and a little clean-up is not expensive.

Another issue that came up during the year was where you could ride a bicycle.

We need to, carefully, evaluate this before coming up with an ordinance with a one size fits all policy.

I understand we have electric bikes that can travel at nearly forty miles per hour. How do you classify these?

As the year was coming to an end, several other issues came up. One was the perceived need by some residents that we need to increase the size of the city recreation center.

Yes, there are several classes that are packed with students. But does that justify spending millions of dollars to expand for a few? I know there are less expensive solutions,

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# Mohave County Search & Rescue aims to save lives one by one in the area

By Breven Honda

For nearly a decade, the Mohave County Search & Rescue Strip Unit has been helping others in North-west Arizona.

Under the direction of the Mohave County Sheriff's Department, volunteers have stepped up to help those in need, whether they are lost, need to be rescued – in water or through the air – or need medical attention.

Rod Gorder, who has been the Strip Commander for the last six years, said this group was formed as a resource to help those in need.

“The (Sheriff's Department) didn't have people up here to go find people that were lost, so they formed a group, and it was mostly EMS people,” said Gorder, who has been affiliated with the Strip Unit for eight years. “Generally, we do intensive training and we're training all the time to get better and better at what we do.”

As a strip commander, Gorder oversees the volunteers to put them in the best position to successfully complete rescues, whether it is through the drills or in a real-life situation.

“I'm the commander of the whole area and when we get a 911 call, they call the sheriff, and we have two commanders,” Gorder said. “I direct my people to where I think we need to look through all our trainings. We help them figure out where to be in directing my people, so they stay safe and know what to look for.”

The Search and Rescue Strip Unit will also reach out when help is needed to surrounding areas outside Mohave County to Southern Nevada and Southern Utah.

Mohave County, which is the second largest county in Arizona and the fifth largest county in the United States at 13,470 square miles, makes it that much more of challenge for

search and rescue operations.

However, there are four units to cover the entire county and each unit has non-profit status.

Located in the southern portion of the county is the Havasu unit in Lake Havasu City. In the central portion of the county, the Kingman Unit resides, and the Bullhead unit is located on the west side of the county, 65 miles north of Lake Havasu.

The fourth and final unit is the AZ Strip unit, located in the northwest portion of the county, in Mesquite.

Although the strip unit in Mesquite is located outside of Arizona, Gorder said units are unafraid to assist other areas, even outside Mohave County.

“All the counties around here help each other when needed,” Gorder said. “But we basically take care of our own county. If another county needs us, then we respond to it. As directed by the sheriff's, they'll decide if we should go help them or not.”

In total, there are more than 100 volunteers across the four units who specialize in certain things for each commander, like Gorder. Some are more proficient in swift water or EMS, while others may be more skilled in air rescues or man tracking searches.

As a result, getting as many volunteers as possible with different backgrounds is vital to success in finding those who get lost or are trapped.

To become a volunteer, the prerequisites include being 21 years or older, own a 4x4 vehicle, own a smartphone and pass a background check.

After a person fills out the application, they bring the application to the next meeting to the unit of their choice or are closest to. Once they are accepted, the

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The Mohave County Search & Rescue goes through proficiency training drills in the nearby desert. (Mohave County Search & Rescue Facebook page)





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## Rescue

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training begins.

“It’s 32 hours of training that we do on different subjects to give them a general knowledge of what all of our searches are and our procedures and SOPs,” Gorder said. “It’s rules that we follow and safety procedures.”

Once the training is complete, more training is needed to become a searcher.

Gorder said there are not many challenges to the training, but it is understanding each of different rescue operations.

“I wouldn’t say it’s difficult. It’s just learning the different techniques and stuff to stay safe,” Gorder said. “We have rope rescues; we have swift water rescues and not everybody wants to do all of those. So, we have tests that we do and training for the people that want to do that certain thing. So, that’s what we go by for whatever the individual wants to excel in and what kind of shape they’re in and stuff to do different things.”

When it comes to completing rescues, Gorder said each one is unique because of the different terrains throughout the county.

From the cold weather atop peaks to hot weather in the deserts as well as precipitation that effects the beginnings to flash floods and growing streams, it prompts each unit to be prepared for any scenario.

The training also includes ways to stay safe and tips to quicken the process of being found.

Some of those life-saving tips include what to do before your trip if you get lost and how to survive. They all play a part for each strip unit to do their best in finding those in need.

The volunteers that help, whether it is through training or in real-life scenarios, increase the camaraderie when the strip units come together.

“We’re a close knit with Search and Rescue. If we have a search that we need more help on, they come up and help us, other units do and we do the same thing,” Gorder said. “We do trainings together and we try to keep our equipment the same on each unit. So, if we go help somebody else, we know what the equipment is like, so we can use it and know how to use it.

“It’s a real close-knit family.”

# MSG caps off 2023 with bowling event; prepares for new year

By Breven Honda

The final event of the year for the Mesquite Senior Games was the Bowling 9-Pin No-Tap event on Dec. 9 at Virgin River Lanes.

The theme for the event was Christmas at the Beach with an ode to the Beach Boys and singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, who passed away in September.

Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said everyone who participated enjoyed themselves and cannot wait for the next event in a dozen months.

"They love it. We have people who have already talked to us about when we're going to have it next fall," Tudor said. "This event is probably the one that fills up fastest. People start registering the day we open. We've done quite well in promoting our games and in having repeat participants."

Overall, there were 92 bowlers and some of them have competed in previous bowling events, either from the spring or winter bowling tournaments.

The highest score in the men's high handicap series was 909, who also recorded a 777 in the scratch to lead the way. On the women's side, the high handicap was 987 and in scratch, the high score was 711.

All players played three games in singles format among the divisions and the handicap was based on 100% of 240 while being split up in the usual five-year age divisions.

In addition to the competition in the lanes, there was also a costume contest that correlated to the theme as well as a raffle. In fitting Jimmy Buffet style, there were drinks, especially margaritas, for the bowlers to partake in.

Tudor said this event, which was once again led by Toni Gans, was run smoothly as preparation began about six prior to the event date.



**Bessie Roberts, 95, competed in bowling in the 2023 Mesquite Senior Games.**

*(Willie Theis photo)*

"Oh my god, she's awesome. She does bowl at Virgin River, so she's familiar with all of the people there," Tudor said of Gans. "She worked with them on getting the drink specials, getting them to have the music playing and letting us do the things we normally do there."

"She contacts all the bowlers, sends out a flyer to let them know that it's coming, what the theme is going to be so everybody has the opportunity to participate in the theme of the Bowling Tournament. She follows up with everybody's handicap and make sure that everybody is bowling with the

correct handicap and in the right age group."

One of the challenges in the organization of the event came during the registration process but Gans ensured everything was correct before the date of the tournament.

"Even though Fusesport is a really slick registration platform, occasionally things go awry, and birth dates are wrong," Tudor said. "If your birth date is wrong, it's likely to put you in the wrong age group. Even though our age groups are all a five-year age group, if you're date of birth is wrong, it can throw your age group, so she verifies all of those."

With that, the bowling event caps off a fall slate of four events, which is an increase compared to previous years.

Tudor said having more tournaments is a testament to the help and support but understands it can be overdone.

"It just that we've got more board members, we have more ability to run additional events and people want additional events," she said. "A lot of people were very disappointed that we weren't able to have our gun sports this fall. But we didn't have a venue."

"We also know when it's time to stop. We have people, participants who want every event to run both spring and fall and we're smart enough to know we can't do that. We've got to say, 'No, we're done.'"

In 2023, Tudor and the board of directors welcomed five new members to their cabinet. She said all the volunteers, including the board members, played a big role in the club's accomplishments.

"Everybody pitches in and does everything they can to make these events successful," Tudor said. "Krista Kilpatrick and March Mon-

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# Mayor

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and we will explore them.

And then there are the dog parks, an amenity of the city that caused an uproar over their condition.

We are addressing the parks with

the best solutions we can. Will it please everyone, probably not.

It was even suggested that we turn the Sports and Events complex into some kind of dog park. Really? Did you eve try and clean dog waste up from artificial turf?

It's also too hot for doggy paws in

the summer. Never mind that it cost over a million dollars to replace the old turf.

So as we enter 2024, I expect some of the same issues, and probably more to arise.

I'm optimistic that the issues and challenges we face will be solvable

without spending large sums of taxpayer money, which we don't have, to satisfy the desires of a few.

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

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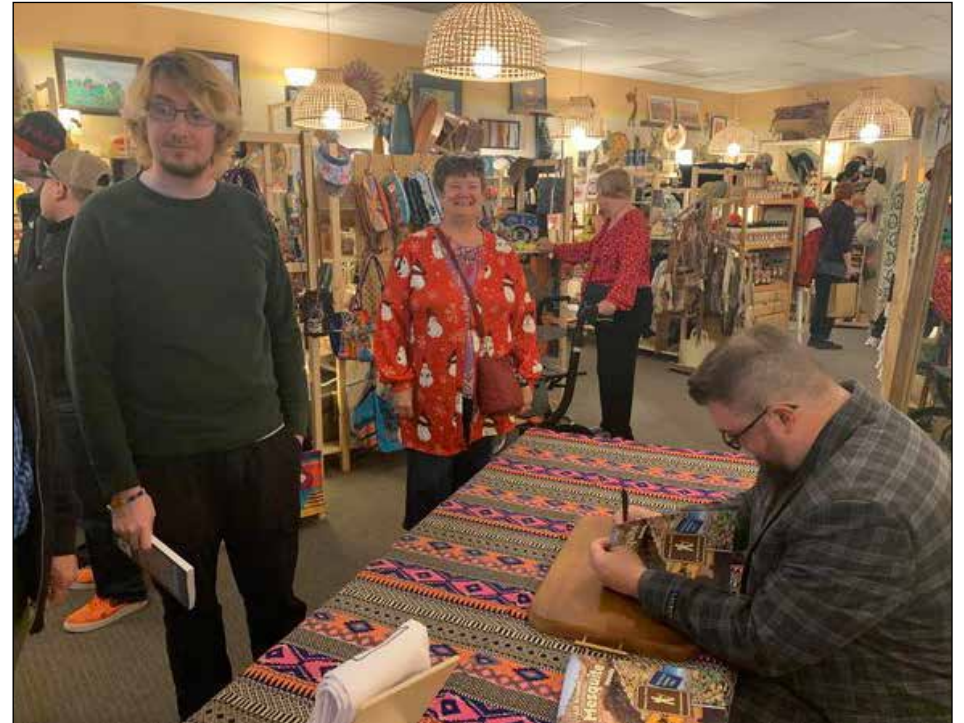
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## BOOK SIGNING



The Dec. 21 book signing event at Juniper Outpost marked the successful release of “All Around Mesquite” by Dustin Berg, a comprehensive guide to Mesquite and its tri-state regional surroundings. Celebrated with a #1 bestseller spot in Nevada Tour Guides on Amazon, the event highlighted the book’s significance as a new resource for history enthusiasts and UTV fans in the area. “I greatly appreciate the support I’ve received from the local public on this project; it has been a big inspiration and played a role in why I decided to even do this. We have a dedicated and caring community here, and I am blessed to be a part of it and to help tell some of its fascinating local lore.” (*Juniper’s Outpost Facebook*)

## Bowling

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golo have stepped up and are helping Toni, who is the one that coordinates everything with Fusesport. Both are also helping (Sports Director Shaun Edwards) with the individual events. They’re like assistant sports directors.

“Jim Armstrong is the one that got us our new shooting venue. He met with both shooting clubs in Vegas and in St. George because that’s where we have to go. So, he put together all of that information. Vicki Fikani is go-

ing to take over as treasurer and do all of the accounting, which I’m currently doing. So, we couldn’t do this without all the board members, especially the new ones.”

Going into the new year with a full year with the new board members, the Mesquite Senior cannot wait for another big year where work and preparations are already underway for the 2024 spring games.

“We expect another really good season. We expect to add a couple of events. We are lining up some additional sponsors,” Tudor said.

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# SHOP WITH A COP

The Mesquite PD completed another wonderful Shop With a Cop event, and it had a blast with some truly amazing kids from all over the valley.

Thanks to all of you kindhearted donors who made this special event possible, to Walmart

Mesquite for accommodating the event again, and Elks Lodge 2811 Mesquite for lunch and pictures with Santa!

(Mesquite PD Facebook)



# Mesquite PD's Gleave picked as Best of Badge

Officer Johnny Gleave has been selected as Mesquite PD's Best of the Badge recipient for November 2023.

Gleave is consistently one of MPD's most proactive officers, especially when it comes to finding DUI drivers. So far in 2023, he has the most DUI arrests at MPD and double the amount of the next closest officer! Since he was hired at MPD he has led the department in DUI arrests and continues to be a great asset in keeping Mesquite's roadways safe.



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## Question of the Month:



### What's your New Year's resolution?



**I don't do resolutions, I do Goals. They can be changed, deleted, added to or taken into the next year. Resolutions set you up to fail.**

— *Allene Jacobi-Harris*

### To keep off the 60 pounds I lost in 2023!

— *Roberta Weiner Strenka*

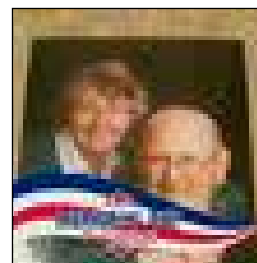


**I make it another year!**

— *Jim Wempe*

### Just to be a wee bit kinder every tomorrow

— *Jan Aslin*



**To live each day, as God intends me to live, serving Him and honoring Him in everything I do.**

— *Dave Lewsader*

# Unlocking the power of trusts in advanced planning

By Jeffrey Bird

When considering advanced financial planning, one of the cornerstone strategies that often stands out is the establishment of trusts. These legal entities have proven to be invaluable tools in securing and managing assets, ensuring their proper distribution, and preserving wealth for generations. Let's delve into the importance of trusts in advanced financial planning.



#### Preserving Wealth and Assets

Trusts serve as effective mechanisms to safeguard wealth and assets. They provide a structured framework for managing and distributing property, allowing individuals to specify how their assets will be utilized both during their lifetime and after their passing. This proactive approach to asset management offers control and protection, ensuring that assets are directed according to the grantor's wishes.

#### Mitigating Taxes and Probate

Another critical aspect of trusts in advanced planning is their ability to mitigate tax implications and bypass the probate process. Certain types of trusts, such as irrevocable trusts, enable assets to be transferred outside the probate estate, thereby avoiding the lengthy and often public probate proceedings. Additionally, trusts can be designed to minimize estate taxes, preserving a larger portion of the estate for intended beneficiaries.

#### Control and Customization

Trusts provide a high degree of control and customization. Through trust documents, individuals can dictate specific terms, conditions, and timelines for the distribution of

assets. This level of customization allows for tailoring the distribution to the unique needs and circumstances of beneficiaries, ensuring that assets are managed responsibly and according to the grantor's vision.

#### Protection and Privacy

Privacy is a significant advantage of utilizing trusts in advanced planning. Unlike wills, which become public documents upon probate, trusts offer a greater degree of confidentiality. They operate outside the public probate process, maintaining the confidentiality of asset distribution and minimizing exposure to public scrutiny.

#### Facilitating Special Needs and Charitable Goals

Trusts also serve as invaluable tools for supporting special needs beneficiaries and facilitating charitable intentions. Specialized trusts, such as special needs trusts, enable individuals to provide ongoing care and support for loved ones with disabilities while preserving their eligibility for government benefits. Moreover, charitable trusts allow individuals to contribute to philanthropic causes, leaving a lasting impact on society.

In the realm of advanced financial planning, trusts stand as pillars of security, control, and foresight. Their ability to preserve wealth, mitigate taxes, provide control, and facilitate various personal objectives makes them indispensable tools in the pursuit of comprehensive estate planning. Consulting with a qualified financial advisor or estate planning attorney can help individuals navigate the complexities of trusts and harness their potential in crafting a robust and effective advanced planning strategy. This article provides general Trust information. Financial Concepts does not provide legal advice.

*Jeffrey Bird is owner of Financial Concepts Wealth Management and can be reached at 702-346-1335.*



# 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, JAN. 4

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

**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.

**The Edwards Twins:** 2 and 7 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St. The ultimate variety show featuring Vegas' top impersonators, The Edwards Twins. Call for more information, 844-214-7469.

**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: 702-5346-5224.

**Teen Crafternoon:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 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 702-5346-5224.

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## FRIDAY, JAN. 5

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**Circuit Craft Club:** 10:30- a.m.-noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for a fun project using the library's Cricut Joy, Cricut Maker and EasyPress. Call 702-346-5224.

**Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

**Bereavement Group:** noon-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. For more information, call 702-346-5224.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 6

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is "Oppenheimer." Call 702-5346-5224.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 7

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is "Oppenheimer." Call 702-5346-5224.

**Al-Anon Family Groups Weekly Meeting:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Road, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group helps families

affected by someone's drinking or addiction. Call Ann 248-225-9259 or Richard 435-862-6597.

## MONDAY, JAN. 8

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**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. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Sign Language Group:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Explore the world of American Sign Language with an inclusive class, open to all skill levels. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club:** 6 p.m. Fire Station No. 3. The club meets on the second Monday of each month. For more information, please go to our website at: [www.vvarc.net](http://www.vvarc.net)

## TUESDAY, JAN. 9

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Android Phone:** 10:15-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Get to know the ins and outs of your Android phone. Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Rotary Club:** noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Alisha Kerlin from UNLV's Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art is the guest speaker. Free to the public, reservations recommended. Call 702-346-1338.

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

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Chamber event:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Best of Mesquite Chamber. Members only, \$30. Call 702-346-2902.

**Book Bingo:** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Kids Artsy Craft Club:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Virtual Author Series:** 5-6 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join an online event with Rebecca Perle about her journey writing epic love stories that span generations, including bestselling novels "One Italian Summer," "In Five Years" and more. Call 702-346-5224.

**Republican Women's Club (for men & women):** Doors open at 5 p.m., Meeting 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veteran's Center, 840 Hafen Lane, Meetings the

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# Jesus' view of himself

By Christopher Wall

Many people have many different views of Christ; some view Him as nothing more than a wonderful teacher. Others still see Him as a powerful leader who attempted to lead a rebellion against the Roman empire. The truth of the matter is that, as C.S. Lewis posited in his response to those who would say, "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God."



"That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

As far as I can tell, one could hardly dispute the reality that Jesus clearly stated Himself as God, presuming they are trying to be honest. Let's take a sampling of some of His

clearest statements of attestation to this fact:

John 8:58 "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.'"

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

And lest you be fooled into thinking that, "He didn't say He was God. He just said, 'I am.'"

Let's take a look at the Jews of the day response to Him in the following verses of John 10.

John 10:31-33 "The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered him, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.'"

The reality is that Jesus did claim to be God. As one reads through the Gospels, as the historical accounts that they are, it seems apparent to me that no one has ever said what He said, has done what He did, or in general lived as He lived. Jesus was a unique, singular being. The reason: He was God in the flesh. Trust Him!

*Pastor Chris is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church at 742 W. Pioneer Blvd. Suite A. Additional resources can be found on Facebook at "Mesquite Baptist Church NV" and "Mesquite Baptist Church NV.com"*

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second Wednesday of each month. **SPECIAL GUEST** this month: John Tsarpalas from Nevada Policy will present the facts about Rank Choice Voting, a Ballot Question on the November Ballot. For information: call 560-966-5363, email hrbsue@yahoo.com.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 11

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

**Mesquite-Toes Open House:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 190 E. Mesquite Blvd., Unit C. Free classes and demonstrations of beginning tap, jazz and clogging will be presented through the program. Refreshments served. Those interested can call Cherie Kempe at 904-466-4421.

**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 702-346-5224.

**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.

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**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: 702-5346-5224

**Teen Gay-Straight Alliance:** 4:45-5:45 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join LGBTQIA+ teens and allies who are having fun, being supportive, learning about local resources and striving to

make the community stronger. Call 702-5346-5224.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 12

**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 702-346-5224.

**Card Making for Adults:** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Take a class in card making at the library. Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Blood Drive:** noon - 5 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule through [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

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## SATURDAY, JAN. 13

**Get Smart with Art:** 10-11:45 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A free program for children ages 8-14. Theme for this event is tissue paper art with instructor Wendy Douglas. Visit [www.mesquitfineartscenter.com](http://www.mesquitfineartscenter.com) for details.

**Family Craft:** 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Join us for an artful craft or project that incorporates dexterity, imagination, and fun! Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Apple iPhone:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Get to know the ins and outs of your Apple iPhone. Info: 702-5346-5224.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 14

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny." Call 702-5346-5224.

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## MONDAY, JAN. 15

**Library closed:** Martin Luther King Day

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

## TUESDAY, JAN. 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

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**Adult 3D Pen Coloring:** 3 - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come learn about 3D pen coloring. Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Teen Paint Your Pride Crafternoon:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Teen programs operate under the principles of HOMAGO. The term, which stands for "Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out," refers to spaces and learning activities that allow for flexibility, hands-on experimentation, collaboration, and tinkering in areas of personal interest. Teen Crafternoon offers a place for creativity, socialization, gaming, crafting, and lounging for grades 6-12 (ages 12-17). Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Kids Artsy Craft Club:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create

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**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: 702-5346-5224

**Artists Reception:** 4-6 p.m., Mesquite Art Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Open house reception and exhibition awards announced for the Journey's Exhibition. Visit [www.mesquitfineartscenter.com](http://www.mesquitfineartscenter.com) for details.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 19

**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 702-346-5224.

**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 reg-

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ister at the customer service desk. Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

**Bereavement Group:** noon-5 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, JAN. 20

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "On Fire." Call 702-5346-5224.

**Circuit Craft Club:** 3-4:30 p.m. - noon. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for a fun project using the library's Cricut Joy, Cricut Maker and EasyPress. Call 702-346-5224.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 21

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "On Fire." Call 702-5346-5224.

**Al-Anon Family Groups Weekly Meeting:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Road, Suite A.

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## MONDAY, JAN. 22

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Blood Drive:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Schedule at [www.donors.vitalant.com](http://www.donors.vitalant.com) or call 877-256-4825.

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**Sign Language Group:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Explore the world of American Sign Language with an inclusive class, open to all skill levels. Info: 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 23

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Virtual Author Series:** 11 a.m.-noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St.

Join an online event with Rajiv Nagaich, J.D. L.L.M., author of "Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster." He is an elder law attorney, speaker and retirement planning visionary. Call 702-346-5224.

**Rotary Club:** noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

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

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Kids Artsy Craft Club:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 25

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

**3D Print & Design:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join to learn all about 3D printing using Tinkercad. Call 702-5346-5224.

**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.

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**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: 702-5346-5224

**Stay Smart with Art:** 6-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Get into mono printing, the use of acrylic paints to make prints off Gelli plates. Class is free. Registration is online only. Visit [www.mesquite-fineartscenter.com](http://www.mesquite-fineartscenter.com) for details.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 26

**Family Storytime for ages 0-5**

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**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 702-346-5224.

**Cricut Space Design:** 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Learn how to use your Cricut and Cricut Design Space where you can find lots of designs to make your crafting dreams come true. Call 702-346-5224.

**Evening Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years:** 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

**Bereavement Group:** noon-5 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.

**Haboob in the Hoodoo:** 7p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. The Virgin Valley Theatre Group presents its fifth annual original musical melodrama of how a big wind from the desert saved Lizard. Call 702-345-4499.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 27

**Haboob in the Hoodoo:** 2 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. The Virgin Valley Theatre Group presents its fifth annual original musical melodrama of how a big wind from the desert saved Lizard. Call 702-345-4499.

**Children's Movie:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come out for a movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 28

**Children's Sensory Sensitive Movie:** 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come out for a movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

**Al-Anon Family Groups Weekly Meeting:** 3-4 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Road, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group helps families affected by someone's drinking or addiction. Call Ann 248-225-9259 or Richard 435-862-6597.

## MONDAY, JAN. 29

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**Coloring for Adults:** 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. Info: 702-346-5224.

**Book Bingo:** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-5346-5224.

**Sign Language Group:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Explore the world of American Sign Language with an inclusive class, open to all skill levels. Info: 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 30

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Rotary Club:** noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

**Virtual Author Series:** 5-6 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join an online event with Dr. Robert Lustig, a pediatric neuroendocrinologist who has long been on the cutting edge of medicine and science. He will discuss his book "Metabolical: The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine." Call 702-346-5224.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**International Cinema (Film Discussion Group):** 2-3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join to discuss (in English) a different film each month. Pick up a copy of the month's selection at the Customer Service Desk. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Kids Artsy Craft Club:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

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## SATURDAY, FEB. 3

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is TBD. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Haboob in the Hoodoo:** 2 p.m., Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca Drive. The Virgin Valley Theatre Group presents its fifth annual original musical melodrama of how a big wind from the desert saved Lizard. Call 702-345-4499.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 4

**Movie Matinee:** 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. This week's feature film is TBD. Call 702-5346-5224.

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## MONDAY, FEB. 5

**Preschool Ukulele Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St.

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**Sign Language Group:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Explore the world of American Sign Language with an inclusive class, open to all skill levels. Info: 702-346-5224.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 6

**Toddler Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Mesquite Book Club:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-346-5224.

**Rotary Club:** noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Email questions to Jake Noll, 916-813-9451.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Guest speaker to be announced. Free to the public, reservations recommended. Call 702-346-1338.

**Mesquite Patriots Meeting:** 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:45 p.m.), Veterans Center, 840 E. Hafen Lane. Guest speakers: Stephanie Phillips for US Senate, David Flippo for Congress. Please contact Janis to be added to the email list or with any questions. Phone: 725-208-2661 or email MesquitePatriots@yahoo.com

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

**Preschool Storytime:** 10-11 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for stories, songs and activities that build early literacy. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Call 702-5346-5224.

**Kids Artsy Craft Club:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Explore fun and different ways to create art. Info: 702-5346-5224.

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9. Feudal laborer
13. Plant louse
14. Inflated feeling
15. Signaling flare
16. She turned to stone, Greek mythology
17. Barn call
18. L in AWOL
19. \*Zodiac sign for those born on Halloween
21. \*Ford "Zodiac"
23. Cash machine, acr.
24. Island
25. Short for although
28. Cul de \_\_\_\_, pl.
30. Owing something (2 words)
35. Argo's propellers
37. Mature
39. Passed
40. Guilty, e.g.
41. Presidential promises, e.g.
43. Those against
44. Waker-upper
46. Skin infection
47. King of beasts
48. \*1960s California serial killer
50. Address a deity
52. Short for ensign
53. Hoodwink
55. New Zealand parrot
57. \*Fish sign
60. \*Half man/half horse sign
64. Blood vessel
65. This is well if it ends well
67. Body trunk
68. Move like ivy
69. Grazing field
70. Plant with liquorice-flavored seeds
71. Catch one's breath
72. Trim the lawn
73. Roebuck's partner

### DOWN

1. Sun kisses
2. Colossal
3. Pest command
4. \*Zodiac sign or Don DeLillo's 1988 novel
5. One who is skilled at something

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15. Like a native speaker
20. Insect, post-metamorphosis
22. Prince in Disney's "Aladdin" movie
24. Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
25. \*Birthstone for some born under Scorpio or Sagittarius
26. Hello, alt. sp.
27. Mountain nymph
29. \*Cancer crustacean
31. Lentil soup
32. Golfer Els
33. Take a chance (2 words)
34. \*Gemini
36. Delhi dress
38. Sound of a fan
42. Satisfy, as in thirst
45. Eccentric one
49. Pool tool
51. Gossipy ones
54. Religious song
56. Make amends
57. Skin opening
58. Wraths
59. Proofreader's mark
60. Old-fashioned bathtub foot
61. Vocal piece for one
62. Brezhnev's domain
63. Fish eggs, pl.
64. Acronym, abbr.
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