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Business Person Of the Year

Curves For Women owner Kandy Zappa, left, accepts the Business Person of the Year award from Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce president Gina Lyon.



Photo by Bill McClure

Business Of The Year

Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce president Gina Lyon, right, presents the Business of the Year award to MBRE owner-broker Judy Cole White.

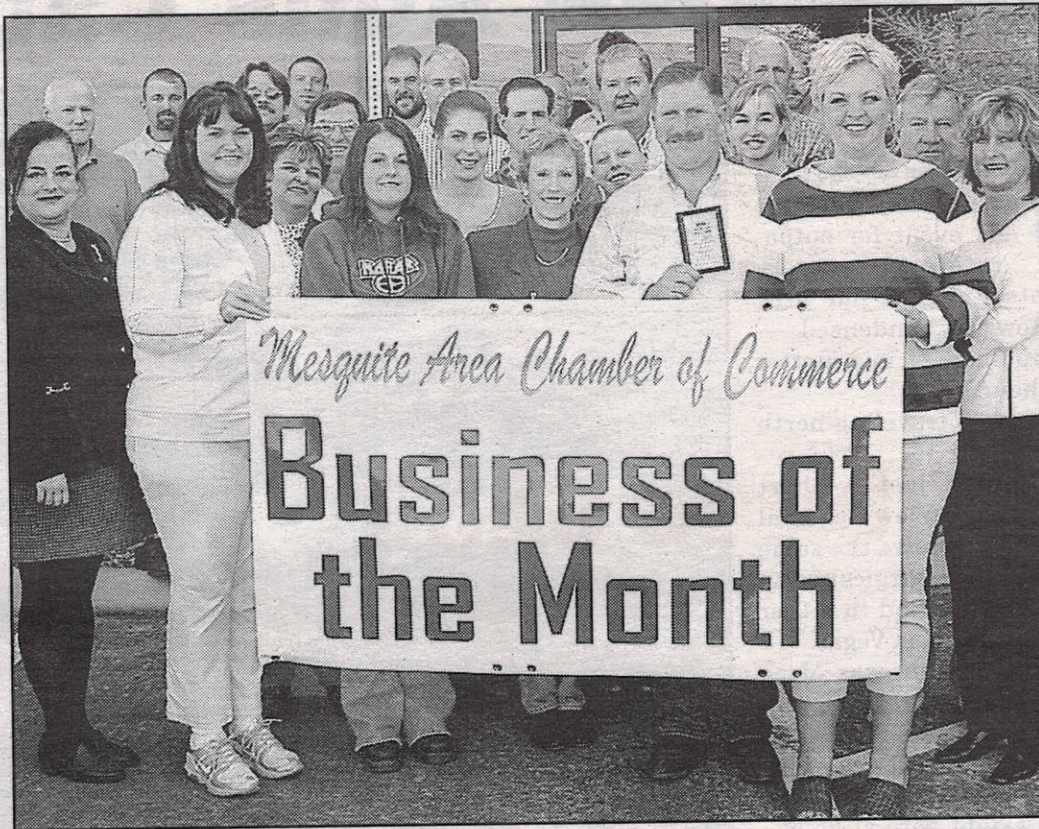
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Business Of The Month

Photo by Bill McClure

Bulloch Brothers Engineering, Inc., is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for November. Bulloch Brothers, a 32-year old land planning, land surveying and civil engineering firm, has been a team player in Mesquite since the late 1980s. The firm has been very generous in the community, supporting the arts, the schools, service organizations, Miss Mesquite, the Salvation Army and countless others. Greg Bulloch, Manager of the Mesquite office, feels it of the utmost importance to support your community and your children in their activities whenever possible. Mesquite can always count on Bulloch Brothers

to help out when needed — not only monetarily, but to participate in activities as well. Early next month, Bulloch Brothers will open their second new office building at 742 West Pioneer Boulevard in the Redd Hills Plaza commercial Center. Tenants are busy picking out new flooring and décor and are excited about having a brand new space. With the construction of the new overpass, the offices will be in an ideal location, about equidistant from both of Mesquite's exits off I-15. The City of Mesquite has contributed to the success of Bulloch Brothers Engineering, Inc., and they want to give back to the community.

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Chamber Has New CEO

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Evan McKinney is the new CEO of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce.

Although he officially took over Monday morning, he spent a lot of time at the chamber's Swap and Shop fundraiser over the weekend.

McKinney is a country boy from Montana who earned his grey hair by working for over 30 years in a variety of interesting and challenging positions — and by raising three daughters.

He worked as an auditor in Seattle, Hawaii, East Asia, Washington, D.C. and Alaska;

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Evan McKinney

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as the Director of Small Business Development for the State of Montana; and as Vice President of the Alaska Railroad.

He was working for ENRON at the time of their infamous demise in December 2001.

With ENRON gone and their three daughters out of college and on their own, Evan and his wife, Diana, focused on finding the perfect retirement community.

They had first visited Mesquite 10 years ago while taking a break from the Alaska winter, and on return visits over the years watched the exciting growth and development of the little town that had first been described to them as, "a dusty little wide spot in the road somewhere

north of Las Vegas."

After looking closely at some excessively wide spots in road, like Las Vegas and Phoenix, they decided that Mesquite was the ideal retirement community for them.

They moved in to their new home in Highland Fairways in May, and are now busy getting acquainted with the area and the people who live here.

Evan believes that the key to a good retirement is having a good job, and believes that working for the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce is exactly that job.

He is anxious to serve the chamber and anxious to get to know each of the chamber members.

And, he is very proud of those three daughters.

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Photo by Terrie Canfield

New Postmaster Sworn In

Postmasters from Logandale, Overton, Moapa, Mesquite and Colorado were present March 28 when Debbie Greco took the Oath of Office for Postmaster for Mesquite. Paul Scrima, Manager of Post Office Operations for Clark County administered the oath. Greco has been with the postal service for 25 years and lived in Chicago before moving to Overton, where she now lives. She likes the smaller community and the lack of snow.

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Business Of The Month

Photo By Bill McClure

The Virgin River Resort is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for November. Chamber president Melanie Giarratana, second from left, presents the award to Linda Hall, Virgin River accounts payable supervisor and wife of general manager Lex Hall. Pictured are chamber board member Gina Lyon,

left, Giarratana, board member Debbie Ogborn, Hall, board members Kathy Poindexter and Marty Rapson. The Virgin River was recognized not only for its contributions to the chamber but to the community as well. Plaques for the Business of the Month award are donated by the Top Hat Company.

Chamber Has New Director

By Bill McClure
Editor

Patricia Nelson is the new executive director of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce.

She replaces Liz Schroeder, who resigned to move to Reno with her husband, Jeff.

"Mesquite is a town in transition. It's growing and it's vibrant," she said.

"People are excited here; I like that."

Nelson knows her new job has some challenges.

"My first challenge is getting to know the community



Patricia Nelson

and getting the community to know me.

"I need to get to know people in Mesquite and their businesses.

"We're new to Nevada and we're new to Mesquite."

Nelson and her husband, Steven, moved to Las Vegas about a year ago.

Nelson holds a double master's degree in business from the University of San Francisco in organizational development and human resource management.

Her undergraduate degree is in organizational behavior.

She has four years of

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experience in successful grant writing and grant program development, raising \$2.3 million in program and opera-

tional funding.

She has 15 years experience as a senior manager with various organizations including a political subdivision for the state of California, a non-profit integrated health center and a 22-member health care

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access coalition.

She was a features writer and editor for a northern California newspaper and was AN editor and writer for a weekly Rotary newsletter.

She is in the process of transferring her Rotary mem-

bership to the Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club.

Nelson is a water color painter and a gourmet cook.

She also likes to exercise.

The Nelsons said they plan to move to Mesquite in the near future.



Business Of The Month

Mesquite Lumber & Supply, better known as Ace Hardware, is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month. Celebrating the honor are chamber executive director Liz Chapman, left, Ace employee Carrie Crosby, Mesquite Mayor and chamber board member Bill Nicholes, chamber board secretary Gina

Lyon, Ace manager Dan Syphus, Ace employees Meg Kellogg, Tom Celmer, Kelsi Abbott, Elmer Hughes and Manuel Zarate. The business was recognized for its contributions to the community and the chamber. Plaques for the business of the month award are donated by the Top Hat Company.

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Business Of The Month

Photo by Bill McClure

Curves For Women, 190 East Mesquite Boulevard, is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for April. Celebrating the event are chamber CEO Patricia Nelson, left, chamber board members Melanie Giarratana, Natalie Hafen, Ted Miller, Curves owners Kandy and Tony Zappa with daughter

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Rural Chambers Unite For Strength

Desert Valley Times

Staff and board of director members from rural chambers of commerce from across the state gathered in Elko recently to talk about banding together for political clout and to help one another.

Mesquite chamber presi-

dent Melanie Giarratana and executive director Elizabeth Chapman attended the two-day event that was themed "Innovate or Evaporate!"

Elaine Barkdull, Executive Director of the Elko Chamber of Commerce, is the

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President of the organization.

"We're going to get rid of the three P's — pancakes, picnics and parades," she told nearly 40 people at the conference.

"We're all about our mem-

bership. You have to remember you are the voice of the business community. That's the key."

"Our main goal is to create stronger chambers."

Barkdull suggested that chambers focus on businesses and what issues impact their businesses, rather than on pancake breakfasts, picnics and parades.

She hand-selected a board of four directors from the 26 rural chambers in the state. Chapman was selected to serve on the board.

"Each of us was asked to chair a task force," Chapman said.

"I have been asked to chair the southern portion of the state on the Nevada Works Project and assist Barkdull with political issues on the state level.

Chapman will oversee the training of executive directors of chambers, visitors' specialists, membership and staff holding mini institutes.

Other board of directors'

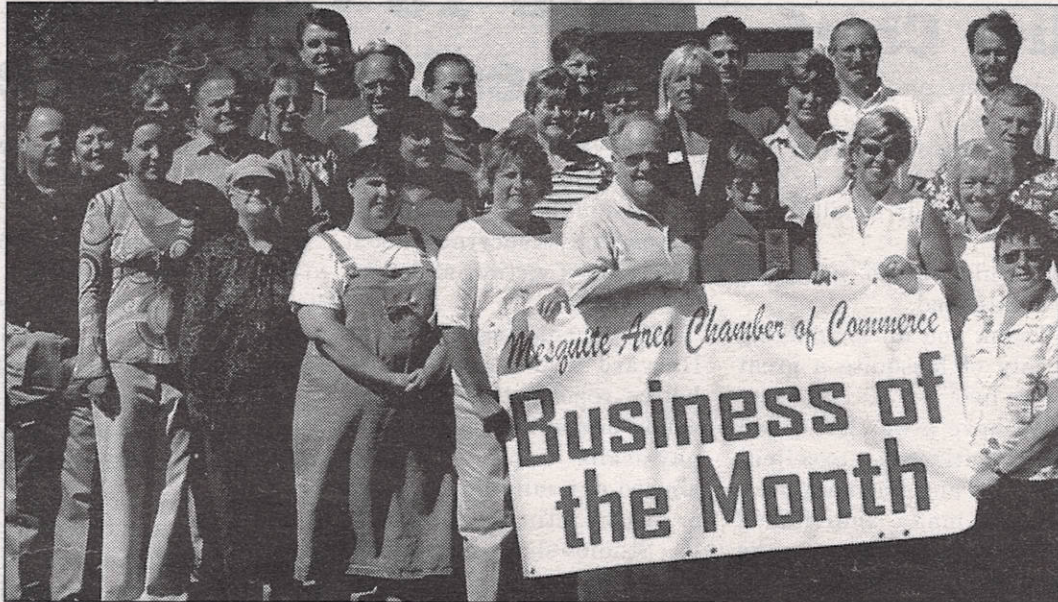
positions includes finance, by-laws and marketing.

Some issues discussed at the conference were taxes, geographic challenges and health care for small businesses.

Many of those at the conference wanted advice on attracting new members, and agreed that selling points include networking, providing information, business referrals, advertising, being an advocate for businesses, business retention, economic development and providing a contact person.

Representatives at the conference came from Winnemucca, Lovelock, Incline Village, Tahoe, Rachel, Austin, Pioche, Ely, Dayton, Wells, Fernley, Hawthorne, Pahrump and Moapa Valley.

The only chambers not invited to join the association are those for Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, Sparks and Carson City.



Business Of The Month

Photo by Bill McClure

The City of Mesquite is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month for June. Fortune Magazine recently listed Mesquite as one of the top 25 best-managed cities in the nation. The City of Mesquite is a strong support-

er of chamber activities as well as other community activities. Chamber board members joined city employees to celebrate the event. Plaques for the Business of the Month program are donated by the Top Hat Company.

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Chamber Business Of The Month Photo by Lizz McDermaid

Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce announced the Community College of Southern Nevada as the Business of the Month for May. Chamber board members Melanie Giantana, left, Natalie Hafen, Patrisia Lopez, CCSN, Sandra Queiros, CCSN, Darlene Montague, CCSN, Gina

Lyon, Chamber president, Donna Fairchild, Randy Werner, Lori Johnson, Marty Rapson, Patricia Nelson, Chamber CEO and Debbie Ogborn present banner to CCSN. CCSN is recognized for its contributions to the chamber and the community. Plaques are donated by the Top Hat Company.

May 20, 2004



New Office

Photo by Bill McClure

Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Chapman, left, and Administrative Assistant Billie Newton are in the chamber's new office at One Mesquite, 12 West Mesquite Boulevard, Suite 107, just west of Mesquite's City Hall.

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Business of the Month

Photo by Terrie Canfield

Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce selected Jadde Sports as its business of the month for February. Chamber president Dave Price, left, was there to present the award,

along with Darlene Montague, Pat Hughes and Don Rappleye from Jadde Sports, David Bowles and Liz Chapman, executive director of the chamber.

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Senator Porter Visits Mesquite

By Terrie Canfield
Staff Writer

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The medical malpractice issue is "immediate, serious, serious business."

While family practitioners and internists are not hit as hard, OB/gyns and specialists are facing a real crisis.

Their insurance has risen from \$40,000 to \$250,000 a year, forcing many out of business.

Also, insurance companies are unwilling to fund medical malpractice.

There are only three in Nevada that do and one of them is pulling out.

At this point doctors are being allowed to form a pool to pay for malpractice suites.

Where Yucca Mountain is concerned, the battle continues, but gets closer.

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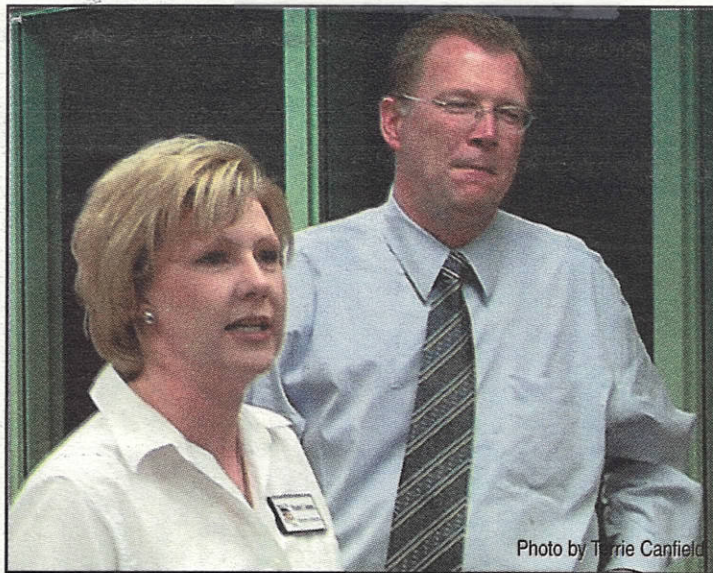


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Quick Stop

Liz Chapman, Mesquite Chamber of Commerce introduces Senator Jon Porter who made a quick stop in Mesquite, March 7 to talk with high school students and residents about the reapportionment of the state and what that means to Mesquite.

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The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Members



The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes five new companies to the community at it's monthly luncheon, Wednesday afternoon, September 20. Receiving membership plaques were from left to right, Betty Willtrout and Marie Taylor, manager, Morris Travel; J. L. Bowler, chamber representative; Chloe Lee, manager and Carolyn Carroll, Nevada State Bank. Also welcome but not pictured were Dave Mollner, Dave's Flooring; Michael Traxler, E & H Insurance; and Alice Lukins, Cielito Lindo.

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Business Of The Month

Virgin River Oak Furniture at 312 W. Mesquite Boulevard is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for September. Presenting the award are chamber president Dave Price, left; executive director Liz Chapman and board members Melanie Giarratana, Darlene Montague and Coy Raynor. Owners are Jackie Miller, second from right, and her husband, Ted. Virgin River Oak Furniture opened its doors three years ago and has been a strong supporter of chamber and community activities. Plaques for the Business of the Month Award are donated by the Top Hat Company.



Chamber's 200th Member

Photo by Bill McClure

Mountain America Credit Union manager Robyn Schaefermeyer, center, cuts the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the Mesquite branch, the 33rd branch of the Utah-based company and being the 200th member of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce. Holding

the ribbon are chamber vice president Natalie Hafen, front left, and chamber ambassador Mary Jane VanDeweghe. Representing Mt. America CU are Desarae Fisher, far left, Roger Andres, Terry Behunin, Mary Peterson, KC Hyer, Mishell Facer, Floyd Tanner and Irene Grant.

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Nevada State Bank, located in Smith's, is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. Celebrating the event are NSB employee Tiffany Robertson, front left, chamber vice president Darlene Montague, NSB employee Presilla Ramos, NSB manager Connie Larrabee, chamber president Bill

McClure, chamber board member Gina Lyon and chamber CEO Evan McKinney. Also, chamber board member Ted Miller, rear left, NSB employees Linda Burt, Tracy Mulliner, Diana Clark, Kelly Brockman and Sally Strew. NSB was recognized for its support of the chamber and the community.



Ribbon Cutting

Photo by Eric Ruiz

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting ceremony for Bonnie's Ultrasonic Cleaning Service, 312 W Mesquite Boulevard, Suite 107. Attending the event were chamber CEO Evan McKinney, chamber president Bill McClure, board

member Dale Uttke, owner Bonnie Doyle and son, Patrick Doyle, Mayor Bill Nicholes, chamber board members Ted Miller and Leigh Roessner, chamber administrative assistant Pam Gagnon and board members Darlene Montague and Lisa Cook.

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Mesquite Chamber To Host 'Ask a Professional Night'

Desert Valley Times

As part of the its Business Retention Program, the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce will host an "Ask a Professional" night at the chamber office from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 21.

During this event chamber members will be able to meet individually with local accountant Pat Taylor of QB Resources, LLC to ask questions regarding their businesses accounting practices and requirements.

Taylor brings a wealth of experience, education and personal service to the small business community.

Pat is a Certified QuickBooks® ProAdvisor, a title from QuickBooks® recognizing 10 years of quality service and continuing education.

She has taught QuickBooks® at the college level and at over 50 seminars in Nevada, Utah and Colorado, and also served as a Small Business Educator for the IRS in Colorado.

This service is provided free of charge to chamber members, but reservations are required.

Please call the chamber office at 346-2902 to make your reservation.

Chamber Has New Executive Director

Desert Valley Times

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The executive board includes Montague, treasurer Lisa Cook and secretary Ted Miller.

Prior to moving to Mesquite, McClure served as a board member of the Richfield, Utah, Area Chamber of Commerce for seven years.

Since moving to Mesquite, he has been president of the Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club twice and is president of the Kokopelli ATV Club.

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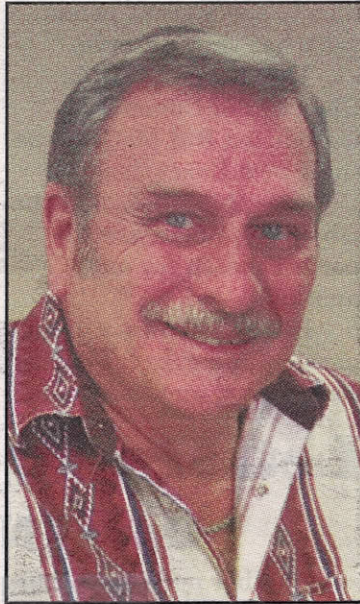
As a pilot, he logged more than 3,100 hours including 2,800 in the C-141 Starlifter.

Chamber Holds Open House For New Director

Bill McClure, the new Executive Director at the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce, was welcomed to his new position during an Open House on April 4 where individuals came by to meet him and ask him questions.

McClure has a master's degree in human relations, organizational development and industrial psychology and a bachelor's degree in journalism.

He is a retired Air Force pilot and served as general manager and editor of the DVT from September 2000 to March 2006.



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100th Member Photo by Bill McClure

Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce board member Ted Miller, left, and CEO Evan McKinney, right, welcome Smith's Food and Drug director Alan Rasmussen as the chamber's 100th new member in 2005.

Chamber Adds 100 New Members In 2005

Desert Valley Times

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce set membership growth as a priority in early 2005 and board member and steadfast volunteer Ted Miller worked tirelessly throughout the year to recruit new chamber members.

Miller's goal of 100 new members in 2005 was met on Dec. 27 when Smith's Food and Drug became a new chamber member.

Alan Rasmussen, the new store director for Smith's in Mesquite, said, "Smith's has always been supportive of the Mesquite

community.

"As the new manager here in Mesquite, I am pleased to find new ways to be involved in local organizations, like the chamber of commerce."

The Mesquite Chamber celebrated its 30th anniversary in the summer of 2004. The 100 new members who joined in 2005 bring the chamber's total membership to 266.

"This type of growth shows that the business community believes in Mesquite's future and in its chamber," said chamber president Bill McClure.

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Photo by Eric Ruiz

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for August is the Chalet Cafe. Celebrating the event are chamber board members Kathy Poindexter, left, Marty Rapson, Lori Johnson, Kandy Zappa, Debbie Ogborn, Leigh Roessner, Gina Lyon, Lisa Cook, Darlene Montague, Chalet owner Susan Edwards, chamber president Bill McClure, board members Dale Uttke and Ted

Miller and chamber CEO Evan McKinney. The building was erected in 1939 and was operated as Vonda's Cafe until 1973. It had the first slot machines in Mesquite and its neon clock was known as the "curfew clock" for local youth. Dan and Susan Edwards bought the business in 1985 and have been strong supporters of chamber and community activities.



Ribbon Cutting

Photo by Eric Ruiz

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce Quickbooks Pro Advisor Pat Taylor. Pictured are chamber CEO Evan McKinney, left, board member Leigh Roess-

ner, chamber administrative assistant Pam Gagnon, Quickbooks owner Pat Taylor, chamber board members Darlene Montague, Gina Lyon and Dale Uttke.

Quickbooks Seminar Offered

Desert Valley Times

Local Quickbooks expert Pat Taylor will host a one day seminar on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

Introduction to Quickbooks is specifically targeted to benefit small business owners, employees or individuals seeking mastery of Quickbooks.

Tuition cost is \$125 per person and includes all course materials.

Pat, a Mesquite resi-

dent and Chamber member, is a certified Quickbooks Pro Advisor with over 10 years of teaching experience.

She has taught at the college level and at over 50 seminars in Nevada, Utah and Colorado.

Pat has specifically designed her courses to be the fastest, easiest way to learn Quickbooks.

Her methods are guaranteed to save the user time, money and improve

productivity, plus she will show you how to master the tricky transactions and discover some Quickbooks tips and tricks to quick business solutions.

Enrollment is limited.

Don't be left out.

Reserve now by calling Pat at 702-345-3463.

New Chamber Officers Elected

Desert Valley Times

Desert Valley Times editor Bill McClure was elected president of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's board meeting Wednesday.

Community College of Southern Nevada's Mesquite

campus director Darlene Montague was elected vice president and chair of the by-laws and policies committee and Bank of Nevada's Mesquite president Lisa Cook is treasurer and chair of the finance and budget committee.

Kandy Zappa, owner of Curves for Women is secretary and membership committee chair.

Mesquite city council member Donna Fairchild is the government affairs committee chair and Kathy Poindexter is the events committee chair.

Past president Gina Lyon is chair of the economic development committee and chamber CEO Evan McKinney is

chair of the planning and development committee.

New board members include Mesa View Regional Hospital CEO Sue Conley, Bank of Nevada Mesquite president Lisa Cook, Oasis Chiropractic owner Dr. Leigh Roessner and Mesquite Home Theater owner Dale Uttke.

Continuing board members include McClure, Lyon, Fairchild, Zappa, First Greensboro Home Equity manager Lori Johnson, Ted Miller, Oasis Resort representative Debbie Ogborn, Virgin River representative Kathy Poindexter, CasaBlanca Resort representative Marty Rapson, and Eureka Hotel Casino representative Bill Vincent.

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Photo by Eric Ruiz

Mesquite Medical Associates is the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for January. Celebrating are chamber board members Dr. Leigh Roessner, front left, Kandy Zappa, Gina Lyon, Mesquite Medical Dr. Henry Alfaro, Dr. Lonnie Empey, chamber president Bill McClure, Mesquite Medical's Lorri Walker, Lloyd Gatherum, Celeste Innis and Michelle Stodden. Also chamber board member,

Darlene Montague, rear left, Mesquite Medical's Jim Chambers, chamber board members Sue Conley, Lisa Cook, Dale Uttke, Mesquite Medical's Terry Hansen, Jeff Wright, Curt Neiderhauser, Dee Street and Natosha Smith. Mesquite Medical was honored for its leadership role in providing medical care and bringing a hospital to Mesquite. Plaques for the award are donated by the Top Hat Company.

Chamber Lunch Set

Desert Valley Times

Terrie Canfield-McArthur, owner of Just Imagine, an interior design company, will be the guest speaker at the Mesquite Canfield-McArthur Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon May 18 at the Terrance restaurant at the Wolf Creek Golf Club.



Canfield-McArthur

Her topic is "Making Your Business User Friendly."

For reservations, call the chamber office at 346-2902.

Canfield-McArthur has an AST in Interior Design, a BA in English Literature and is a Reiki Master Teacher.

She was born in Cedar

City, and has lived in San Diego; Las Vegas; Memphis; Jacksonville, Fla.; West Palm Beach, Fla.; St. George and Mesquite.

She opened Just Imagine, located inside Village Furnishings, in February 2004.

Canfield-McArthur has extensive education and associates degree in Interior Design.

She worked in the field six years and then took time off to acquire a degree in English Literature.

She graduated with high honors from Florida Atlantic University and from Florida Community College.

Upon graduation, she interned with one of the top designers on the east coast,

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Ginny Stine, who at the time was decorating the Florida Governor's mansion.

She then worked for Habitat — a small residential firm.

The firm had clients from a cross section of Jacksonville, Florida's population.

"We designed model homes for the president of Independent Life Insurance, and residences and commercial buildings for a wide variety of clients," she said.

"While working at Habitat, I taught courses at the community college in the practical application of Interior Design."

After moving to Utah,

she worked for Spanish Valley Nursery, Heritage Home and Gardens, Ernst Home and Garden Center and Sherwin Williams.

She writes a column, Design Lines, for the Desert Valley Times.

She has studied Feng Shui extensively and as a Reiki Master is very familiar with energy work.

"I believe that our home is our haven and should reflect the personality of those who occupy it," she said.

"Homes and landscapes can be beautifully designed to enhance positive energy, reflect our tastes and desires and be inviting, attractive spaces to inhabit."



Business Of The Month

Photo by Eric Ruiz

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month is Mesquite Furniture. Celebrating the event are Mesquite Furniture employees Dan Villanueva, front left, and Gary Moore, owner Brenda Hansen, chamber vice president Darlene Montague, chamber president Bill McClure, board members Gina Lyon and Ted Miller. Also, board members Bill

Vincent, center left, and Lisa Cook, Mesquite Furniture's Tony Santos, board members Kathy Poindexter, Debbie Ogborn, Kandy Zappa and Dale Uttke. Also Mesquite Furniture's Henry Clark, rear left, and Laura Anderson. Mesquite Furniture was recognized for its contributions to the chamber and to the community.

Chamber of commerce, city launch business help programs

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The chamber of commerce and city have launched separate "buddy system" programs aimed at assisting local businesses.

The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce has strengthened its SCORE program for new and existing businesses by recruiting and training additional volunteers. SCORE, a national organization providing consultation to small businesses, has made its services available through the chamber for years, but Kathryn Cole, chamber executive director, is trying to reach out to more local business owners.

Cole told the city's Economic Development Commission the chamber will soon provide an office for SCORE consultation and also offer the room to chamber members who need office space.

"We're remodeling," she said Wednesday. "The walls are done, the carpet has been redone. We want to move furniture in. The room will be separate for SCORE and business consulting. People who join the chamber can use the office as space for their business. We're getting all our SCORE materials from Las Vegas. We have three people trained as SCORE volunteers, including me, in the community. The fourth person who's interested is an international consultant.

"The materials for new business owners are provided by the Small Business

Association. They're all free and all volunteer. Business owners can call the chamber to be put in touch with somebody. Once businesses learn a little more about this, we can do an orientation and we'll have power point presentations on starting a business. If there's enough interest we can do it on a Saturday morning or during the evening. We also will have regularly-scheduled SCORE volunteers available."

The city launched its Mesquite Means Business program during the second half of the Economic Development commission meeting.

"We're talking about people going into business with their eyes wide open," said Bryan Dangerfield, city economic development director. "We have our project planner program where business owners talk to one (city staff) person and go through the permitting process.

"Karen Law is opening a dance studio this afternoon. She's the first person going through the process. I think it will be a success story about how her business will grow I think."

"What about giving information to people who are thinking about starting a new business?" asked commission member Barbara Moue. "Some types of businesses - pizza places and certain types of restaurants - we have a lot of. They need to have an idea what to look at, what we already have, and the ebb and flow of summer and winter. It's feast or famine. People need to

know about this before they go forward with their business plan."

"All the current business licenses are on line on the city website," Dangerfield said. "I heard a comment the other night that people don't know about events going on so they can plan for them. Now future events are being put on the website. You can submit your own event on the website."

"We get a sheet each month with all the new business openings," said mayor Susan Holecheck. "The problem we've had with the city calendar (which appears on the city website) is that events backed by Black Gaming were not getting on the calendar. We met with Black Gaming and we'll be able now to get their events on our calendar. I think it'll be a big help."

Dangerfield said events submitted to the city website required city event permits would be checked by staff.

"We need to do a better job of promoting what's happening in the community," he said.

Cole provided commission members with follow-up information about the recent seminar "Managing in a Down Economy."

"We received a 9.3 out of a 10-point scale on value and quality information obtained," she said. "We broke into groups and generated ideas. We got some fabulous ideas.

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I compiled the information, sent it to the (chamber of commerce) board, and that was sent to participants within a couple of days. We got really good feedback. I thought it was beneficial. Our intent, once our (chamber) website technical issues are done, is for people to be able to upload the whole talk if they're interested."

Dangerfield supplied commission members with a "Mesquite Means Business" data sheet that included Nevada tax advantages, city infrastructure and community facts.

"I've been looking for something like this for seven years," Cole said. "This is the kind of stuff the chamber directory has to have. This should be in our magazine. This is wonderful."

"This is a document the community can share," Dangerfield said.

Web poll shows mayor should leave Chamber

By Morris Workman

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A MesquiteLocalNews.com poll shows that respondents heavily favor the idea of keeping the Chamber of Commerce separate from City Hall.

The weeklong poll received 189 responses to the question "Should Mesquite's Mayor and City Manager resign from the Chamber of Commerce Board?"

An overwhelming majority of 85.1 percent of the 189 votes cast agreed that the mayor and city manager should step down.

Out of that total, 125 voted "Yes, the Chamber should be independent," a total of 66.1 percent.

Another 32, representing 16.9 percent, voted "Yes,

businesses are afraid of the city government," echoing a sentiment expressed at a

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Chamber board meeting two weeks ago.

The remaining 2.1 percent, or four votes, responded "Yes, other." Only 14.8 percent suggested that the mayor and city manager should remain, with a total of 28 votes. That includes 11.6 percent or 22 people, who voted "No, the ties make for better communication between the Chamber and city."

because of what they bring to the Chamber, voting "No, they are a tremendous asset to the board."

Another three people voted "No, other."

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Chamber members meet with the board

Business leaders air complaints over city's ties with association

By Morris Workman

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Members of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce got a chance to speak directly to their board members on Tuesday evening, as the Chamber held a members' forum at the Sun City Community Center.

The forum drew more than 80 members as the Chamber continued to do damage control following the surprise resignation of the organization's executive director earlier in the month.

Following a 20-minute warm up in which Chamber board members extolled their accomplishments from the last 18 months, the members got a chance to have their say.

Jolene McCrae, manager of Colonial Property Management, began by listing all the reasons her company originally joined the Chamber, including the prestige, interaction, the support of other Chamber

members, getting the company name out to the community and team work.

"Team work has somehow been lost along the way," McCrae told the board.

However, she defended the board's actions to keep secret the reasons for Executive Director Katherine Cole's departure.

"Just like in an HOA (homeowners association), discussions of resignations and firings are personnel matters for an executive session," McCrae said. "The Chamber is a business, and it has to follow rules, too. Personnel matters are not the Chamber members' business."

"To know why (someone left) is not my business. I don't want to know."

Dave Ballweg of LoadTec Inc. was more concerned about the close ties between City Hall and the Chamber.

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Chamber treasurer resigns

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The treasurer for the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce resigned during an emergency meeting Feb. 23.

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A forensic accountant is a specialized professional whose findings are often used in litigation.

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Marketing Mesquite

A recent television ad has caused concern amid residents. Comments vary, though the overwhelming feeling seems to be that the advertising company involved misses Mesquite's primary attraction. To read more, see Marketing Mesquite on page A4. Here is what some residents are saying:

"Mesquite is a great place to visit, and an even greater place to live, and somehow and in some way I would just like people to understand how great Mesquite really is."

— Dennis Lee

"It was demeaning to the

potential visitor that we would like to see come to Mesquite."

"I didn't even know it was about Mesquite."

"I would have liked to see something a little more

specific about Mesquite and what you can do while you are here."

"It wasn't a feel-good ad at all."

"I wonder, is that how they see Mesquite?"

"When I see an insulting ad, I

go out of my way not to give business to them."

"I don't see anything wrong in the concept about forgetting being a mom or a dad for the weekend, but I didn't know they were talking about Mesquite."

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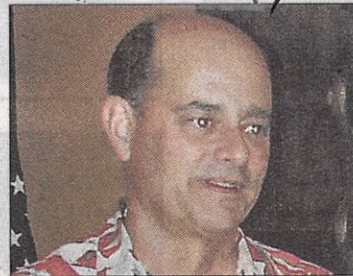


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Chamber director to resign May 14

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The executive director of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce has given notice.

DeAnn Ballard delivered her resignation, effective May 14, to the chamber board Thursday.

Ballard said she wanted to give four weeks' notice to allow the board time to plan for a smooth transition. She has offered to continue as chair of the Leadership Mesquite committee and see the 2010 program through to the end.

She said she wants to spend more time with family. Her first grandchild is due at the end of May, and she will be dividing her time between Mesquite and Salt Lake City for a while.

"Working for the chamber has opened my eyes to a whole new world," Ballard told the *Desert Valley Times*. "I have met so many wonderful people."

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She says she intends to continue to be involved in Mesquite.

She said she believes the chamber's role is important.

"Working with the leadership in Mesquite has opened my eyes to how important small businesses are to the community," she said. "I want to see the chamber and the businesses succeed, not just for businesses but for the whole community."

She handed in her resignation a year to the day the chamber received the resignation from Bill McClure, who had served as executive director since 2006. His successor was Katherine Cole, a management consultant who took office in mid-July, then resigned barely two months later amid what some said was a power struggle with the board.

Ballard, who had joined the chamber in July 2007 as membership manager, served as interim executive director after Cole's departure until she was officially appointed to the position in October.

She said she is looking at pursuing a variety of business opportunities.

Chamber digs into another year



Dennis Lee / Desert Valley Times

The Mesquite and Area Chamber of Commerce has launched into another year. This year's executive and board of directors include, front, from left, Karen Fielding, board member; Charlie Cox, board member; Dee Sherman, secretary; Jolene Macrae, board member; Jim Wilson, treasurer. Middle row: Judith Rowe, office staff; Deb Parsley, president; Mayor Susan Holecheck, ex-officio member of the board; Kathy Lee, past president; Deanne Patten, executive director; Ernie Hoffman, board member. Back row: Bill Nicholes, board member; Mark Meersman, president-elect; Marco Ruelas, board member; Tim Hacker, board member; and Bill Mitchell, board member. Board members not pictured are Duane Neel, Marleen Szalay.

Chamber of Commerce hires new executive director

June 3 2010

By Morris Workman

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The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce board of directors has selected a new executive director.

On May 27 the Chamber announced the hiring of Jonathan Christofferson as the new executive for the business organization.

Christofferson will be the Chamber's fourth executive director in the last 14 months, following the departures of Bill McClure, Katherine Cole and Deann Ballard.

Christofferson currently works for the city of St. George, Utah, as the museum coordinator for the Dinosaur Discovery at Johnson's Farm, an attraction that features dinosaur tracks.

As the coordinator, Christofferson works in the Leisure Services Division, the same department where Desert Falls partner Josh Olmstead previously worked.



Jonathan Christofferson is the new Mesquite Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Mark Meersman, another Desert Falls partner, is on the chamber's board of directors.

However, according to Chamber President Deb Parsley, the hiring committee was not aware of the remote connection, and explained that it had no factor in the decision to hire Christofferson.

In fact, Parsley stated that Meersman was not involved in the interviewing or hiring process.

On June 1 Christofferson confirmed that he did not work directly with Olmstead while working for St. George.

"I had no idea who he was," Christofferson said, explaining that the Leisure Services Division was actually a large department with a number of divisions.

Prior to working for the city of St. George, Christofferson worked for the Downtown Development Authority in Cheyenne, Wyo., as the marketing manager and deputy director.

Christofferson explained that while the authority was actually a nongovernment organization, it did receive funding from government sources.

He also spent five years working as a public relations specialist with the U.S. Army.

"I've traveled the world,"

Christofferson said.

As for his new job with the Mesquite Chamber, Christofferson intends to do a lot of listening.

"My approach will be to get to know the members, and find out what's lacking in Mesquite," Christofferson said. "I want to talk to the membership, find out how to keep them as members, and how to grow the membership."

"The hiring committee had many wonderful and qualified candidates, and this decision was extremely difficult," said a press release from the chamber.

"His (Christofferson's) ability to increase membership, website skills, financial expertise, fundraising efforts, business strategy, event planning and marketing will significantly help the board in offering even more benefits to our members."

Christofferson is slated to start June 14, and is expected to move from St. George to Mesquite.

Chamber of Commerce executive resigns

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By Morris Workman

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The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce has lost its third executive director in the span of a year.

On April 15, DeAnn Ballard submitted her letter of resignation, effective May 14.

Ballard's departure comes six months after being named the

Chamber's executive director Oct. 12, 2009.

She was appointed after the abrupt resignation by Katherine Cole, who resigned Sept. 3, 2009 after just two months in the position. Cole was hired following an exhaustive search to replace Bill McClure, the executive director for the Chamber who quit in April of 2009.

During the last two months, the chamber has also lost two members of the board.

Jim Wilson, who was selected as the chamber's treasurer, resigned on Feb. 25.

Mayor Susan Holecheck, an honorary member of the chamber board, resigned two weeks later March 5.

According to her letter, Bal-

lard is leaving to spend more time with her family.

"My first grandchild is due the end of May and my daughter needs me," Ballard said in her letter. "My son and I will spend time between Salt Lake City (Utah) and Mesquite."

Ballard also offered to continue as the chairperson for the Leadership Mesquite committee.

Chamber of Commerce hires new executive director

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The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce has announced it has hired Anne Miranda as its new executive director.

"As a nonprofit serving businesses and residents of Mesquite, the Chamber required a combination of vision, commitment and management expertise in its leader," said Deb Parsley, the chamber's board president. "Anne has just this combination. Her experience as a business owner of Fresh & Brite Inc., track record of management success and commitment to the growth and development of Mesquite will be valued assets in our ongoing efforts to grow the chamber membership and its programs."



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MESQUITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

financial industry, most recently as vice president of sales at a Wells Fargo Bank.

She moved to Mesquite a year ago and has been actively involved in the community,

joining the Sunrise Rotary, Leadership Mesquite and attending the Downtown Business Advisory Council.

Chamber officials said they are very excited about bringing Miranda on board to promote and realize the vision, which is to advocate, communicate, educate and support the members of the community in Mesquite.

"I am honored to be a part of this chamber and to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated board. We are going to take this chamber to new heights," Miranda said.

For more information about the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, contact Parsley, at 702-345-3991.

Chamber hires Cheri Thompson as office manager

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Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Anne Miranda announced last week that the chamber has a new office manager, Cheri Thompson.

"Cheri joins the chamber with 23 years' experience in the legal field as a certified shorthand reporter in Southern California and working as an independent contractor in court reporting, which involved managerial, financial, strong clerical skills and dealing with a variety of unique situations," Miranda said.

She also worked for a local property management company, which has increased her knowledge of community issues in Mesquite.



Cheri Thompson
Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
office manager

She moved to Mesquite in 2005 and became active in the

community, first joining Desert Dames. She served on the board from 2007 to 2008.

She also was on the steering committee, which helped form the Mesquite chapter of the League of Women Voters and was a part of the first League of Women Voters Mesquite board.

"Cheri joined the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce in August of this year and soon after became an ambassador for the chamber," Miranda said.

"I have loved this community ever since I moved here in 2005," Thompson said. "I want to see it continue to grow and I am honored to have been chosen to be a part of the chamber so I can grow with it and be a part of its future. Having

worked as an independent contractor myself, I feel I bring the lessons learned, which involve public interactions, the positive impact of networking and being community-minded. I understand the importance of connecting our community toward the common goal of promoting the attributes of Mesquite to locals and tourists alike with the aim of attracting new businesses and keeping our current businesses viable."

"We are so very fortunate to have Cheri join our team," Miranda said. "Her experience and professionalism really adds to the chamber and she will be an integral part of the chamber's ability to reach our goals in 2012."

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Chamber of Commerce announces Vicky Walter as president, COO

Special to the MLN

Vicky Walter has been named Mesquite Chamber of Commerce president and chief operating officer.

Walter comes to the Mesquite chamber with more than two decades of experience in project and business management for profit and nonprofit corporations, higher education, and city, state and federal government.

Before joining the chamber, Walter worked in public affairs at National Security Technologies LLC, a federal contractor for the Energy Department. Her program development competencies gained recognition as she increased the Nevada Regional Science Bowl program by doubling participation, increasing financial support and raising the level of public and governmental awareness as she took the final competition from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to Vegas PBS for airing.

Her program management skills



Vicky Walter
Mesquite
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were featured at the national level in Washington, D.C. Walter's background includes university and community relations at UNLV.

She studied communications at Regis University and holds numerous certifications, including a leadership certification from her work at Regis.

Walter grew up in Las Vegas and calls Nevada home. She said when not working, she enjoys photography and writing. She is married and has three children.

She will assume her duties Jan. 7.

Chamber president replaced

David Bly

Desert Valley Times

The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce executive met Monday and named Charlie Cox its new president after Deb Parsley submitted her resignation over the weekend.

Anne Miranda, the chamber's executive director, sent an e-mail out late Friday after receiving Parsley's resignation, which simply stated, "Please accept this letter as my written resignation from the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. It has been a great 19 months — I appreciate all the opportunities that the Chamber gave me.

"You are amazing and will do good things here in Mesquite."

In later communications she said she was resigning for personal reasons, but did not elaborate.

Her resignation left a bit of a vacuum, as president-elect Mark Meersman had resigned at the end of June. He had been appointed to represent the golf and recreation industry.

Miranda, who assumed office as executive director on July 1, called an emergency meeting for Monday evening.

At its regular July meeting, the board will name a president-elect, as well as appointing people to fill four vacant positions. The vacancies were created by the resignations of Parsley, Meersman, Jim Wilson and Bill Nicholes.

Miranda said a call has been sent out for applications for the vacant positions.

She said the churn in board membership and office management tends to divert energy from the board's mission of promoting business, but she said she feels things are stabilizing.

"We've got some good people and I'm here to stay," she said.

Board member Ernie Hoffman said the chamber has had its struggles and needs to work more cooperatively to achieve its goals.

"I believe the chamber still has an opportunity to do a lot for the business community and the community at large," he said. "We have a fine executive director, and I think we can put together a good board."

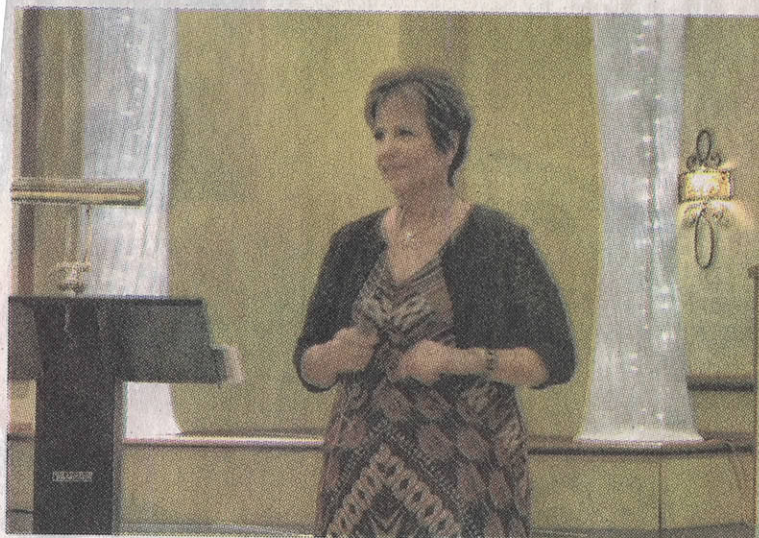
He said he was sorry to see Parsley go.

"It's a shame, because they lost a very talented young lady," he said. "She owed nobody anything here in Mesquite, and she will be missed."

It's time to set aside negativism and move ahead, he said.

"I want to see the chamber become very business-oriented, working together, seeing how we can attract businesses to this town," he said.

Miranda touts Chamber of Commerce accomplishments



Chamber of Commerce director Anne Miranda addresses the organization's monthly luncheon. TRACY WORTHINGTON / DESERT VALLEY TIMES

Tracy Worthington
Desert Valley Times

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Her address rounded up the year at the chamber, up to and including the plans for a new logo, new slogan and a sneak peek at the new website — which will launch Oct. 15.

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Things have changed since then, she said, and the chamber is more active in business than ever.

"We are a member-based organization and all of you are our members. We are 307 members strong as of today," she said. "Out of that we have 211 businesses, 35 individual members, 48 nonprofits and 13 real estate agents. When I was looking back at the figures of last year our all time low for last year was 286."

Not only does the chamber support business, Miranda said, but it also sells Mesquite.

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Miranda went on to say that the chamber has a mission, that mission is to "sustain, encourage, and benefit businesses in Mesquite and the surrounding areas."

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ment affairs committee, lobbying, the Business walk and SWOT analysis.

The government affairs committee not only brings issues to the local government, such as city council members, but it lobbies for projects such as the 118 exit, the indoor sports complex and the LED signs. The committee also will be taking part in the SWOT analysis, and the business walk, in which chamber board and city council members will be pairing up and going to businesses to get feedback.

"They come back with data so we can better advocate for the businesses."

The first walk, she said, will take place Nov. 15, and she has high hopes for the program.

The second arm is made up of things such as the email blast, the chamber newsletter, Chamber Magazine, and a new logo and slogan.

"The logo is still in the works," she said. "But the slogan is 'Moving Business Forward.'"

Miranda gave a sneak peek to attendees of the new website, which gained applause.

The website will officially launch, she said, Oct. 15.

Workforce Surveys — that were done in partnership with

the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) — procurement outreach and a luncheon that will give chamber members a heads up on what health care reform will expect of them are on the list of educational opportunities that the chamber is offering.

"We have launched the Business Builder Workshops," said Miranda. "They are going to be held at the College of Southern Nevada from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., bring a lunch and learn."

The chamber's support — the fourth arm of ACES — consists of many new programs, including the Cash Mob, the Good Luck Buck and multiple opportunities for free advertising, Miranda said.

Miranda also thanked the members for their support over the last year. "It is fundraisers in conjunction with membership dues that keeps us going," she said. "So far year-to-date we have raised \$15,800. I just want to thank you for your time, your energy, your

cash donations and supporting everything you do."

The Gold Butte Days Festival is next in line of fundraisers for the chamber, and Miranda is excited to see it before she leaves on Oct. 31, she said.



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Candidates speak out at chamber luncheon

Tracy Worthington
Desert Valley Times

The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce had elections in mind when it invited Ted Miller, Crescent Hardy, Ryan Toone, Karen Beausoleil and Kerry Earley to the monthly luncheon last Wednesday.

The candidates were given five minutes to voice their platform and then chamber members were able to ask them questions.

Ted Miller is up for re-election after six years as a member of the Virgin Valley Water District board of directors. One reason why he wants to continue serving the valley, he



Earley

said, is because he's frugal and the board needs to be fiscally responsible.

"The water district found out we were out of compliance with the bond people, we were \$41 million in debt," Miller said. "There were a couple of things that came out of that; we lost our bond rating and we had \$11 million in a bank account to build an office complex, which did not happen.

"We can't give the bond back so we took the \$11 million and paid off the district's balance



Hardy

sheet, then put into an interest-bearing bank account and the district cannot get at the money and use it, but the interest is being used to pay the bond back.

"Another thing we had to do is we increased rates," he said. "We're not having revenue problems now, but we can't borrow money."

The district needs to be frugal to keep above water for many years, he said.

He also said that the city and valley cannot lose control of



Beausoleil

the water rights they have, something the district is struggling with now.

He would like to continue the battle.

Crescent Hardy is running as an incumbent for Assembly District 19 against Felipe Rodriguez.

He said he's seeking re-election because he "was raised that if you want to complain you should do something about it, and don't come to me with a complaint unless you have an

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answer. I believe I have some answers."

He said job creation is the most important issue now, followed by education.

"We have been failing in education," he said. "The state of Nevada does not support education financially. It only gives \$5200 per student, and there is a 2 percent mining tax that goes toward schools and brings the dollar amount up to about \$11,500 to \$12,000 per student. That puts us at almost at 25 or 26 in the nation, so we are right in the middle for support."

He urged educational reform that will prevent good teachers from losing their jobs, create a performance-based wage and advocates for a voucher program, which allows for children to attend charter schools.

As a business owner, said Hardy, he is also concerned with prevailing wage and the stranglehold it has put on the public and private sector.

"A flag person for a 40-week makes close to \$89,000 a year because we are forced to pay that. It is the prevailing wage."

But times are tough and the workforce needs a boost.

"The City of Mesquite would



Toone

love to do more projects, so would the county and the state," he said. "They would love to do more but with prevailing wage and other restrictions they can't."

"I have children and I love those children and I want them to have posterity some day. I want them to have the same opportunities I had."

Beausoleil and Toone are competing for Mesquite Justice of the Peace, replacing Judge Ron Dodd who is stepping down from the post and that of municipal judge as well.

Beausoleil listed her experience and education as reasons she should be voted into the office.

"I have two doctorates, one in psychology and one in law," she said. "I have been the attorney of record in Utah and Wyoming, going before the district and supreme courts in both states, the appellate court and have been on the civil and criminal side of things."

She also believes that different people, not one person, should hold the justice of the peace and municipal judge seat.

"One person in both positions creates conflict of interest and double dipping," she said.



Miller

"If I am elected, I will not accept appointment to municipal court judgeship."

Toone disagreed with Beausoleil, saying that if he were to be elect-

ed Justice of the Peace, he would take the position of municipal court judge if offered.

Toone grew up in small communities in Utah and Idaho, was an eagle scout, high school valedictorian, all-state athlete and attended Utah State University where he received his political science degree.

From there, he worked in Washington D.C., for a short time, then went to the University of Minnesota Law School where he graduated with Cum Laude honors.

"We wanted to get back to our roots, so I took a job with a law firm in Las Vegas," said Toone. "I had the opportunity to work on civil cases in district court and we had some appeals that went to the supreme court. Great experience. But my heart was in the public sector so when a job opened up in Mesquite I took the chance and took the job, moving here. We have not regretted that."

He has enjoyed working with city staff, elected officials and law enforcement, he said.

"I have had the opportunity to provide them legal training on constitutional issues, 4th amendment search and seizure and the 5th amendment, and when the state of Nevada passes new laws we provide updates on those issues."

Kerry Earley was appointed to her 8th district court judgeship in June of this year, replacing judge Kathy Hardcastle when she retired, and will be on the general election ballot in November.

"I love what I do," she said. "I have a passion about it. I truly want to continue to be a District 8 judge."

The first three to four years of her practice she worked on the MGM fire litigation, where she got "trial by fire" working with attorneys and firms from many states, including California, Philadelphia and Denver.

"I had a very strong first few years because of that," she said.

She began her own firm in 1993 and it grew to 50 employees, with 17 attorneys under her. After years of doing that, Earley decided to do something different.

"I was approached by several judges that asked if I would be interested in being a district court judge and I really became interested."

The next chamber lunch will be Oct. 10, 12 p.m., at the Eureka Casino Hotel.

C of C declines member's motions

Dennis Lee

Desert Valley Times

Mesquite Chamber of Commerce directors declined Monday to consider motions to change the makeup of its nomination committee and the board of directors.

The suggestions were brought to the board's regular meeting by chamber member Dave Ballweg of Load Technology Inc.

Ballweg asked for the nomination committee to be made up of a representation of general membership and include businesses by location, interest, type and ownership, and be chaired by an exiting board member who would have no vote.

He also suggested that the board of directors be made up of 15 elected members, and that it should include a cross-section of the membership.

"I am not a politician or an activist; I am a business owner and an engineer by discipline," said Ballweg. "These motions have their origins from comments voiced at the chamber forum and other input received directly and indirectly over the last several weeks. They are presented to achieve the goal of improving the board of directors to be representative of and responsive to the chamber membership."

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The terms of six of the current board's members will expire at the end of the year. Nominations for those positions will be taken until this Friday at 4 p.m. The nominees will be vetted by the nominating committee, and a general ballot will be sent to members. Voting will be completed by Nov. 6.

Ballweg said he wanted to see the committee actively recruit nominees to meet the board's general membership classifications.

"There are many members that are willing to participate in the chamber, but have not been asked and do not feel that they are welcome," he said.

According to Ballweg, 25 percent of the board is made up of representatives from the resort and gaming industry, along with three members from financial institutions.

"These are not a representative percentage of the general membership," he said. "We need to recruit companies with market affiliation in service, retail, restaurants, medical, financial, accounting, legal, contractors, wholesalers, realtors, golf courses and industrial companies to name a few."

And while praising the board's inclusion of women-owned businesses on the board, Ballweg said

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there is a conspicuous absence of Hispanic-owned businesses.

He also asked for a bylaw change to be effective immediately that would end the terms of any non-elected board member as of Dec. 31, 2009.

He complained that the chamber did not contact everyone to see who would like to sit on the nomination committee.

Montague said she had called people randomly to serve upon this committee. However, both Montague and Kathy Lee, chamber president, said invitations to sit on the committee had been e-mailed to the general membership, and that requests have been sent out at various times for members to sit on committees.

Ernie Hoffman took exception to Ballweg's implication that the chamber failed to notify membership.

"Not once since I have been a member of the chamber have I failed to get an e-mail as to what is going on," said Hoffman. "I got an e-mail three months ago as to what committee I would like to serve on."

Jolene McCrae said she had a problem with just one member coming to the board requesting changes to be made to the bylaws.

"The board should have the ability to appoint a committee to review the bylaws and come up with suggestions," said McCrae. "I don't feel that the membership should have the right to make individual requests of the board for this purpose."

"I think that any member should be able to present a motion to the Board, and the Board should make a motion upon the request," said Ballweg.

McCrae disagreed. She said she manages home owners associations, one of which has 1,750 members.

"There is no possible way for the board can function with 1,750 different people making suggestions," she said. "You elect your board to represent the membership. If you want to change the makeup of the board, change your vote."

Charlie Cox said that according to the bylaws, if a member came to the board, the board could vote to adopt with a two-thirds majority, or 51 percent of the membership could vote for approval.

Ballweg asked for a board member to take up his motions and bring it before the board for a vote but no one responded.

Instead, the board passed a motion by Kevin Boyer that Ballweg's suggestions on the makeup of the board be presented to the bylaws committee.

Chamber nomination deadline this Friday

Nominations for six positions on the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce board of directors are being accepted until 4 p.m. this Friday. Candidates must be members of the chamber in good standing, with dues paid up. Qualifications and the nomination document can be found at www.mesquite-chamber.com/flyers/1254867994.pdf. For more information, call the chamber office at 346-2902.

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Merri Erickson named Business Person of Year

Desert Valley Times
Merri Erickson was named 2007 Business Person of the Year, and American Family Insurance was named Business of the Year at the annual Mesquite

Chamber of Commerce Christmas party Friday.

Jason Crew was installed as the Chamber's new president, along with newly elected board members, Jacque Hart, Kathy Lee, Darlene Montague, Dr. Leigh Roessner

and Robyn Schaefermeyer.

Special plaques were also presented to Crew for his outstanding work in the formation of Leadership Mesquite, and to Missy Crew in the establishment of Chamber Ambassadors.



Dennis Lee, Desert Valley Times

Jason Crew, shown here with his wife, Missy, was installed as the new president of the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's Christmas party Friday. Missy also received a plaque in recognition for establishing the Chamber's Ambassador program.



Chamber of Commerce members who completed the chamber's Leadership Mesquite program are shown with plaques presented at the Chamber's Christmas party Friday.

Small business forum attracts 60 participants

About 60 people interested in starting or advancing small businesses met with "resource partners" at the 2007 Small Business Resources & Assistance Forum hosted by Nevada Microenterprise Initiative on Thursday.

"We are a nonprofit agency whose primary focus is to help small business either grow to the next level or those who are looking to start a small business," said Anna Siefert, operations manager.

"We focus mostly on the low to moderate income individual. We are in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration with two programs. The first is the Microloan program, and the other is the Women's

Business Center.

"The Microloan program is for lending and is designed to bridge the gap when a business cannot get lending through the traditional sources. And the term "micro," means that we specialize in businesses of 10 to 15 employees.

"The Women's Business Center is focused on business technical training and skill development, and we have a 12 week workshop, short workshops on specific topics, and we also have one-on-one consultations.

"What we want to accomplish with these forums is to let the rural communities know those businesses that are out there that can help them, whether it is writing a

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business plan or sitting down and talking an idea through.

"This is where we come in. They can come to us and we can help them without it costing them anything, and that is my focus, to give them that opportunity. And I work through the resource partners in the community of Mesquite.

The forum was addressed by Tim Hacker, Mesquite's City Manager, and Andres Moses, aide to Congressman Dean Heller.

If anyone wants further information they can contact Nevada Microenterprise initiative director of rural business development, Blake Syndergaard at (702) 812-9366.

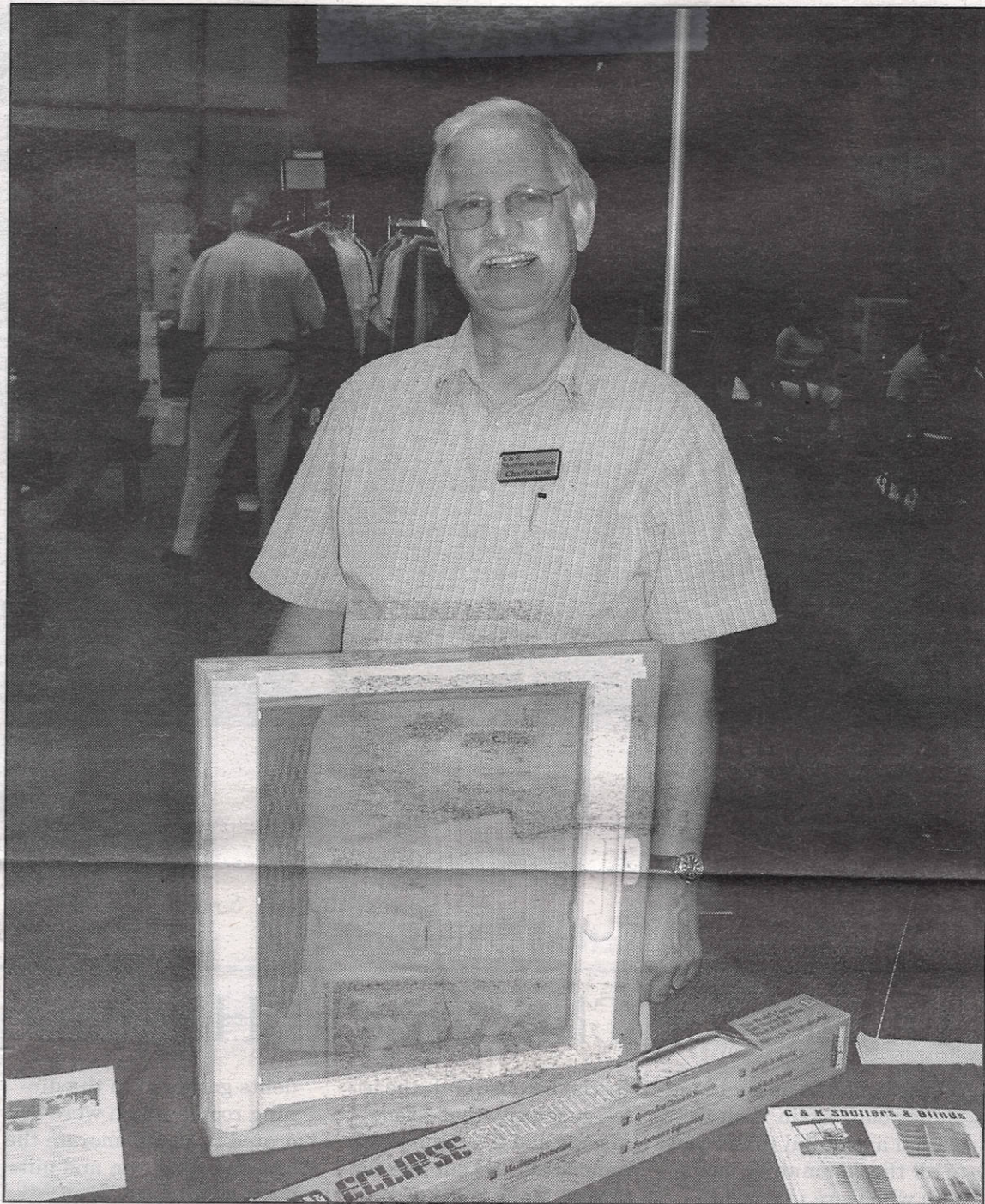
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Open for business



David Bly, Desert Valley Times

Mesquite Mayor Susan Holecheck poses with the American Family Insurance mascot during the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo/Job Fair in the Black Gaming Special Events tent Friday afternoon. Forty-seven businesses and agencies distributed information about their firms and gave out applications. See story, page 3.



Bob Challinor, Desert Valley Times

Charlie Cox, owner of C & K Shutters and Blinds, provides a window of opportunity in his firm. Cox manned one of 47 booths at the Business Expo/Job Fair on Friday afternoon.

Business Expo/Job Fair brings bigger turnout

For Desert Valley Times
The Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo/Job Fair took a quantum leap this year with a new venue and increased participation.

The event, now in its second year, surpassed last year's results.

"We had 47 booths at the Business Expo/Job Fair Friday night," said Bill McClure, executive director

for the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce. "For comparison, we had 34 booths in the Business Expo/Job Fair last October."

The chamber held the

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event in the Mesquite Campus gym last year, but transferred it to the Tri-Properties special events tent and held it during August in the face of less community competition. The changes helped.

"I don't have an estimate on the number of people who showed up, but participants were happy with the turnout and handed out lots of job applications," McClure said. "We had a pretty steady stream of folks going through the tent until about 8:45 p.m."

The four-hour Business Expo/Job Fair featured a varied cross section of Mesquite businesses that operated booths with employment and business information.

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Mesquite Lutheran Church Child Care Center was accepting applications for enrollment as well as applications for assistants at the facility during the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo/Job Fair. The child care center is expected to open August.

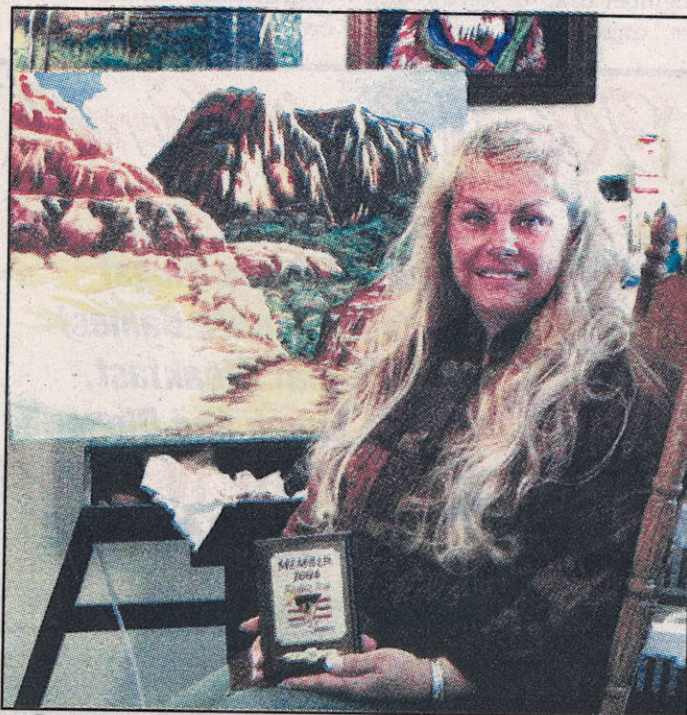
stream of people passing through," said Charlie Cox, owner of C & K Shutters and

Blinds.

"I think it turned out pretty well."

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nearly 100 years of experience in construction, architecture, engineering, glass curtain wall and land planning design.

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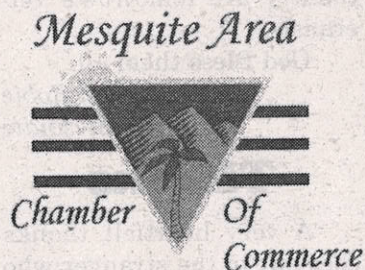
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Classy Closets of Mesquite

Classy Closets is located at 211 W. First South, Suite B in Mesquite. The business was established in 1996 and provides laminate and solid surface countertops. For more information, contact Debbie Gendron at 346-2086 or pgendron@cascadeaccess.com.



Kokopeli Landscaping

Kokopeli Landscaping is located at 270 E. Mesquite Blvd. It employs 15 individuals, and joined the Chamber of Commerce in July of 2004. They proudly proclaim that they stand behind each and every job, no matter the size. Designer Jason Kokaczka has a degree in Horticulture and Design Build. Co-owner Kelby Hughes is a fourth-generation Mesquite citizen, with years of experience in farming and golf course design, building and maintenance.



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U Dirty Dog

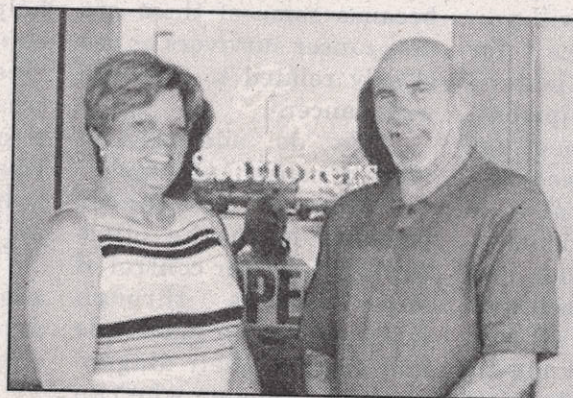
U Dirty Dog Suds-n-Tubs was established in Mesquite on July 7 and joined the chamber of commerce on Sep. 8. They are a do-it-yourself dog wash, a home alone sitter service, and they sell gifts for dog and dog people as well as offering day care for dogs. All dogs are welcome to wait in the day care for their owners and watch the Animal Planet.





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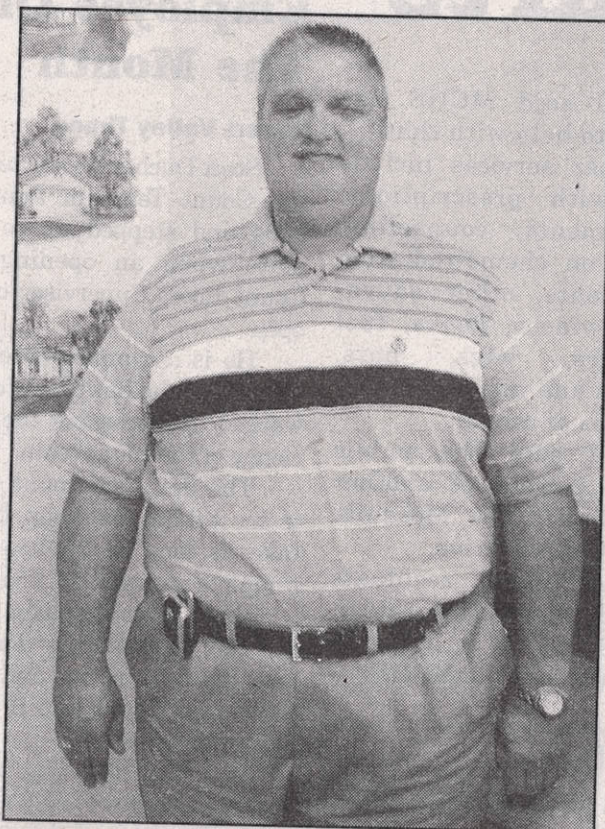


Mesquite Vet Clinic

Tammy, Julie, Sandy the dog, Dr. Purner
Mesquite Vet Clinic is a full-service small animal veterinary clinic. Dr. Purner is a Nevada native who has been in business since 1992. The clinic has been in their new building since 2000.

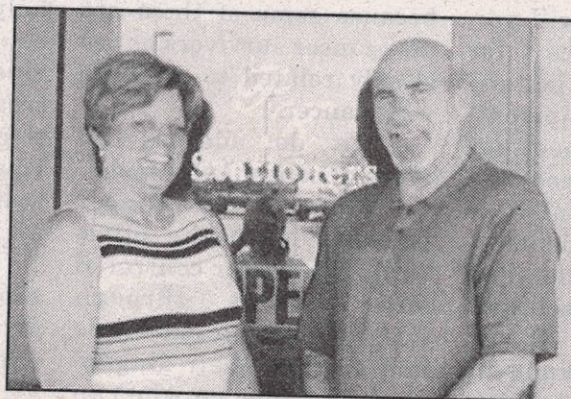
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Justin Ludvigson, Kevin Wilkey, Sara Landon, Lindsey Lawrence, Yori Ludvigson.

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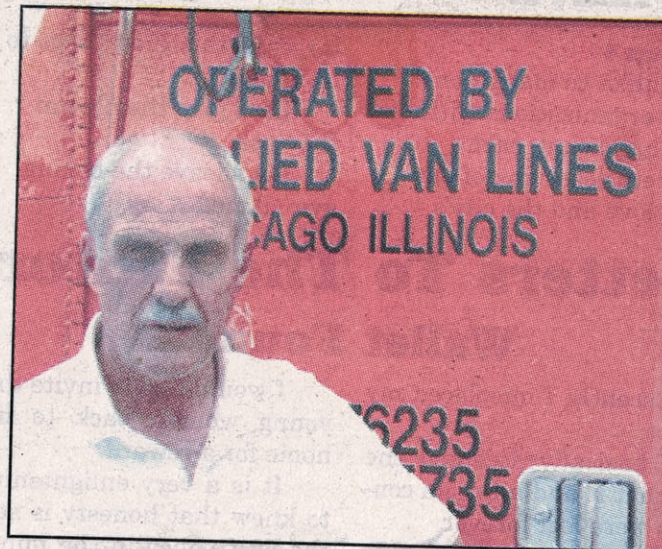
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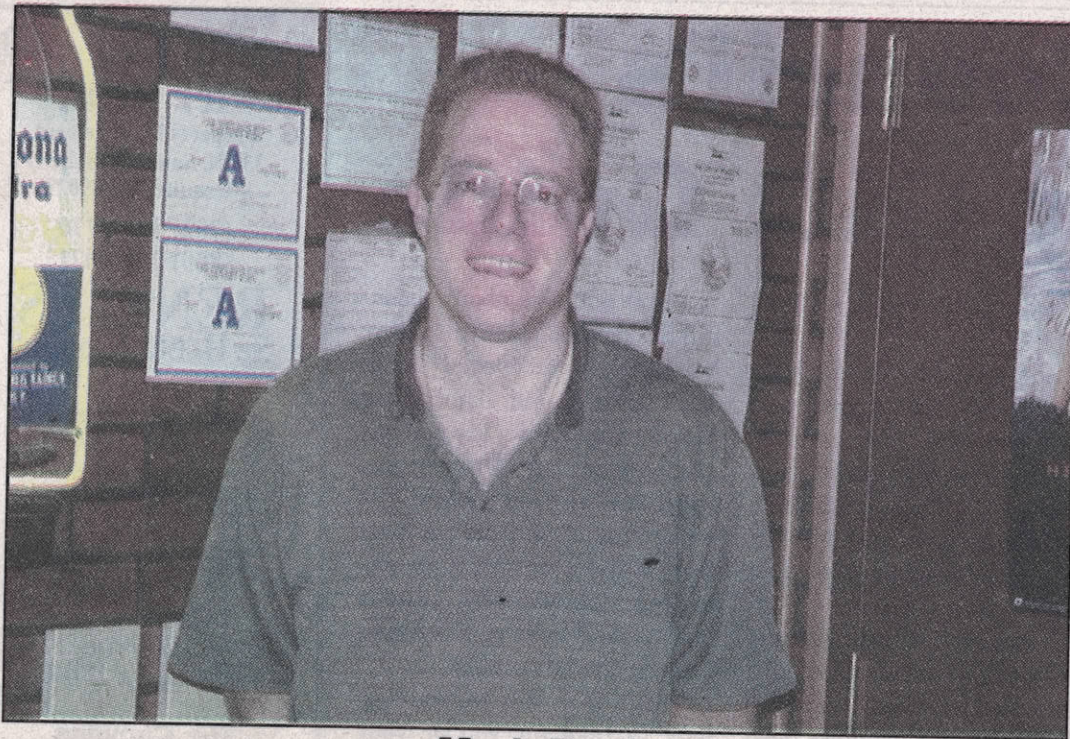
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Jamie Mugleston

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Jamie Mugleston is the manager at Malibu Cleaners on 404 Riverside Road.



Mike Gordon

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Mike Gordon is the Sales Manager at Mesquite Auto Center on 390 W. Mesquite Blvd.

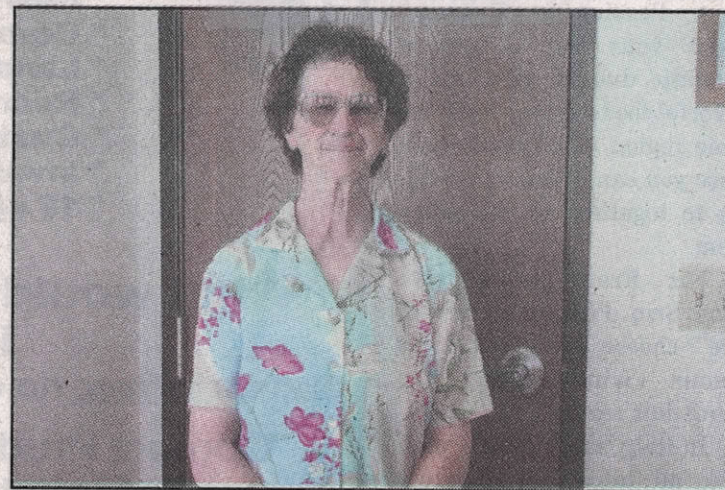


Midway Distribution

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Diana Myler, back left, Debbie Gleeson, Diane Feld, front left, Debara Alvillar, JoAnn Allan of

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Rosie Cates

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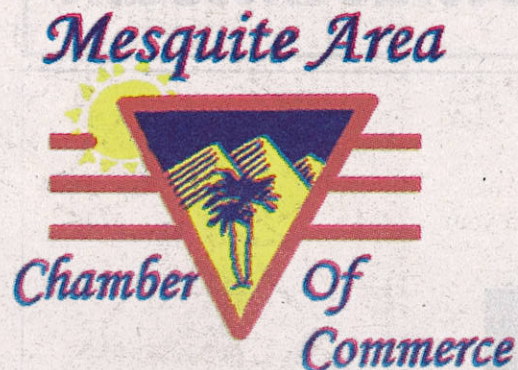
Arbys & Super Stop Texaco

Doug Jarman, (left), Shannon Gardner, Maylinda Shorter and Troy Foote

Arby's offers a variety of great food prepared fresh every day, and Super Stop Texaco offers auto service and convenience store items.

Address: 325 N Sandhill Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027

Contact Person: Shannon Gardner



New Chamber Members

Virgin Valley Cab Company

Virgin Valley Cab Company provides 24-hour taxi cab service as well as shuttle service to Las Vegas McCarran Airport.

Address: 312 W Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027

Phone: 346-6359

Contact Person: Sheila Moyers



Jerry Good and Sheila Moyers



Dorothy Higgins

Dorothy Higgins is the charming and competent Assistant to Mayor Bill Nicholes.
Address: Mesquite, NV
Contact Person: Dorothy Higgins



Allen Stewart



Blazzard, Dr. Alex, D.D.S.

Amber Reynold, Dr. Alex Blazzard, Heather Blazzard
Dr. Blazzard, D.D.S., has opened a new General Dentistry practice in the Oasis Professional Plaza in Mesquite. Dr. Blazzard offers cosmetic dentistry, dental implants, white fillings, extractions, crowns & bridges, teeth whitening, digital x-rays, preventive care, root canals and dentures.
Address: 840 Pinnacle Court, Suite 6A, Mesquite, NV 89027
Phone: 702-346-8686
Website: www.blazzarddds.com
Contact Person: Alex Blazzard

Fox Points Partners, LLC

Fox Pointe Partners is the developer of the Fox Pointe Condominium project in Mesquite.
Directory Address: 11 Pioneer Blvd., Ste C
Phone: 702-346-4919
Contact Person: Allen Stewart



Susan Holecheck

Susan Holecheck serves on the Mesquite City Council.
Address: Mesquite, NV
Contact Person: Susan Holecheck

New Chamber Members

New Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce members are awarded with a plaque.



Home Watch

Billie Newton, left, administrative assistant, and Brenda Eggers, owner.



Gina's Coffee House

Mary Jan VanDeweghe, chamber ambassador, left, and Gina Lyon, owner.



C-Square Funding

Jim Hoytenga, owner, left and Mary Jane VanDeweghe, chamber ambassador.



Mesquite Vacation Properties Leasing

Melanie Giarratana, left, chamber secretary and Sue Parkinson, owner.



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Action RV Service

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Profession Bookkeeping Service

Kay Hopwood, left, Chris Mink and Mary Jane Van Deweghe, chamber representative.

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Lpam Broadcasting

"1600, The Boss," Brad Mencarelli, left, Mary Jane Van Deweghe, right.

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Mesquite Chamber Salutes Businesses



Photo by Jeff Schroeder

Business Person Of The Year

Desert Valley Times editor Bill McClure was named Business Person of the Year by the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce.

**By Liz Chapman
Executive Director
Mesquite Chamber of Commerce**

Desert Valley Times editor Bill McClure was named "Business Person of the Year" Thursday by the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual Christmas Dinner.

Bulloch Brothers Engineers, Inc. was named Business of the Year for 2001 and Jadde Sports took Business of the Year honors for 2002.

Plaques for the awards were donated by Top Hat Company.

Additionally, Cody Johnson, special assistant to U.S. Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.), presented Senatorial Recognition Certificates to the honorees.

More than 100 members of the chamber met to honor those businesses and individu-

als who contributed to a successful year in Mesquite.

The chamber recognized those outstanding businesses based on (1) how long they have been a good-standing member of the chamber, (2) community service, volunteerism and donations to the community, (3) customer service, (4) employee base, wages and if they are improving their business from year to year (5) any special things that they do for their customers.

Nominees for business of the year were narrowed down from a group of 20 businesses selected as "Business of the Month" since 2001, therefore giving two awards this year.

Nominees included America First Credit Union, Bulloch Brothers Engineering, Inc., *Desert Valley Times*, Jadde Sports, Oasis Golf

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Business Of The Year 2001

Outgoing chamber president Dave Price, left, congratulates Greg Bulloch on Bulloch Brothers Engineering, Inc., being named Business of the Year for 2001.



Business Of The Year 2002

Jadde Sports owner Don Rappleye, center, accepts the Business of the Year award for 2002 from Dave Price and Cody Johnson, special assistant to Sen. John Ensign.

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Club, Southwest Spirit, Top Hat Company and Virgin River Oak Furniture.

For the past 13 years, residents have seen Bulloch Brothers Engineering, Inc. around the community.

With 17 employees in Mesquite, they are an active community participant and team player.

You will find a representative to every ribbon cutting, ground breaking and other community events.

They are always willing to contribute monetarily or volunteering time to groups including Boosters Club, Miss Mesquite, Re Max, Scouts, golf tournaments and the list goes on!

Don Rappleye, Jadde Sports, began with a small store in December 1994.

He had a vision, like most small businesses, to provide a service to their community.

He remembers growing up in a small town in Heber, Utah with his dad owning a hardware store.

Don wanted to provide the "Big" store feeling with a lot of merchandise and competi-

tive prices.

With a bigger and better store now, and three employees, Jadde Sports is improving year after year.

They also donate time and store items to the VVHS, local-sponsored races and other organizations.

Bill McClure moved to the community over two years ago from Richfield, Utah to become the editor for the *Desert Valley Times* newspaper.

However Bill was not always in the newspaper industry.

He is a retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel.

He and his wife Jerri, or as most of you affectionately know her by as "RED", have been together for almost 20 years.

Bill is currently the treasurer for the chamber, president of the Rotary Club and member of the Mesquite Distinguished Citizen Committee.

But you could swear that he was a member of every group, club or organization in Mesquite because he attends almost every function in this

community, regardless if he is "covering" it or not.

And if you haven't heard a "Yee-Ha" out of Bill or had his cowboy boots slapped upon your desk — you've missed out!

As a voice of the business community, the chamber would like to salute those nominees and recipients of this year's awards.

Congratulations to all!



"Meet Your Business Expo"

Saturday - February 22nd
10 am to 3pm
Mesquite Recreation Center

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to the public



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