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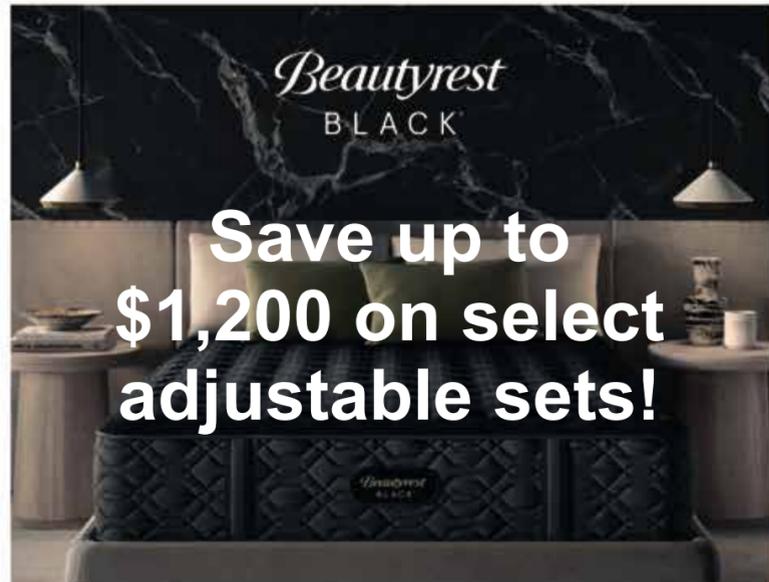


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## How do you come up with these articles?

When I show people this newspaper, one of the first questions asked is, "How do you come up with these articles?"



Include the dirty little secret that I don't actually live in Skye Canyon and you'd think this is the most difficult part of the job.

Well, actually it's the easiest. First off, I've been doing community newspapers and magazines for a number of years so I've figured out a number of ways to come up with what I hope are interesting articles.

First is the easiest way ... wait for people to contact you.

That's illustrated by our cover story this month on John Valentine and Christina Gruber.

Back in October, John had picked up the first issue of the newspaper and decided to give me a call. We had a pretty good conversation, particularly about the charity event for veterans he was participating in.

He sent me an article to run promoting the event, which I did. But he also told me his story and I thought he was worthy of a feature story.

Add in his fiance's accomplishments and it was a no-brainer. It took a couple of months to reconnect, but here we are.

Another story in this issue, about the Somerset Academy Skye Pointe cross country team came about because I visited the school about a week ago and introduced myself.

Principal Lee Espin took some

time out from his busy schedule and came out to talk to me.

While waiting, I saw a some trophies for cross country state championships.

I gave Principal Espin my information and the next day cross country coach Paul Sheppard called me. We talked briefly and he let me know his track team was having intermural practice the next day at Centennial High.

I went out there, had an interview and took some photos. Then I went home, transferred photos to my computer and wrote the article.

That was a Thursday evening. I sent my cover section (the gloss pages) to the printer the next day with a small track photo.

So, now you know. You can call, text or email me with your great story idea. Or maybe I'll find out about you another way!

— Kirk Kern

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# Skye Canyon couple take fitness level to extreme



John Valentine is a professional mixed martial arts fighter.



Christina Gruber is a decorated triathlete.

By Kirk Kern

John Valentine and Christina Gruber are always running around doing something. Whether it's business travel, sports competitions and training, leading philanthropic events or herding their blended family to soccer games and other youth functions, this Skye Canyon couple epitomize the community's active lifestyle.

Valentine is president of Legacy Bios Consulting Group, which helps businesses and individuals achieve success. Oh, and he's also a long-time professional mixed martial arts competitor. Gruber is a CPA and also a principal at Legacy Bios ... and a decorated triathlete.

Between the two of them, they have six children ranging from age 20 to 14. It's a busy life.

But they still make time to give back

through volunteering.

Valentine has been a regular competitor in Operation Knockout for the Troops, an annual charity MMA event benefiting veterans through the Xtreme Couture GI Foundation. The event, hosted by MMA legend, actor and founder Randy Couture, brings together top-tier fighters and business leaders to support the needs of veterans dealing with physical and mental health challenges.

In November, the event raised over \$80,000. Since its inception, the event has raised more about \$700,000.

"I just retired officially from the cage for this event," Valentine said. "I'm still on the board. Christina sits on the board as well. The charity itself has been really, really great. We're a small crew on the board and but we handle everything that you can imagine. It's a lot of work."

Valentine and Gruber have raised more than \$50,000 for the 501(c)3 organization in the last few years and while Valentine won't be competing in the annual November event in the future, he will still be very involved along with Gruber.

"It's a labor of love," he said of the organization that helps veterans transition back into civilian life. "The charity has been really great. We're a small crew, but we handle everything you could imagine. Every year it gets bigger."

Legacy Bios Consulting formed in early 2018 as a global consulting firm specializing in business coaching, keynote speaking engagements employee training, celebrity bookings and leadership development for companies. Valentine travels exten-

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## Support Operation Knock Out

Ways to support the Operation Knockout for The Troops.

Go directly to the charity website <https://xcgjf.org/events/>

Spread the Word: Share the event details on social media or within your community to help raise awareness about the cause and encourage others to get involved.

To reach John and Christina for training, business consulting and speaking engagements contact John Valentine at [corlegacybios@gmail.com](mailto:corlegacybios@gmail.com) or follow them on Instagram at [johndvalentine89](https://www.instagram.com/johndvalentine89).

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Skye Pointe Coach Paul Sheppard (right) talks to his track team during intermural training at Centennial High. (Kirk Kern photo)

# Skye Pointe runners moving up to 5A

By Kirk Kern

The Somerset Academy Skye Pointe cross country teams may have started out as the Davids, but they have transformed into the Goliaths in the last three years.

Coach Paul Sheppard's boys and girls squads finished last among any school in the state four years ago. Then they won the 3A division three years ago and were moved up to 4A. The last two years, they've been the 4A state champions.

Now, they're moving up to 5A and competing against the biggest schools in the state. But Sheppard doesn't see his team as reverting back to Davids, even with a student body of less than 1,000 competing against schools with more than 3,000.

"It's been a wild ride," Sheppard said. "And they asked us, too. They're like, hey, do you wanna go up to 5A? Because you don't have to, because the school size is so small. But we're like, heck, yeah."

Right now, most of the cross country team is preparing for the spring track and field season. The team practices late in the afternoon

at Centennial High as Skye Pointe doesn't have its own track. While it would seem an inconvenience having a gap after school ends before practice at another school, Sheppard says it shows the dedication from both the athletes and the parents in the program.

"We have some amazing parents," said Sheppard, who came to the school four years ago out of college and hadn't even coached cross country or track before. "I am so lucky to have the parents that I do. They've been through a lot. We started at Palo Verde and now Centennial. They've been on board ever since."

While having track at a different school may be an inconvenience, the school's location is a big advantage for the cross country team. Sheppard says the team trains and competes at nearby Floyd Lamb State Park, which offers a great, challenging course most other schools don't have daily access to.

"When I first started coaching, we ran around Skye Point and there's

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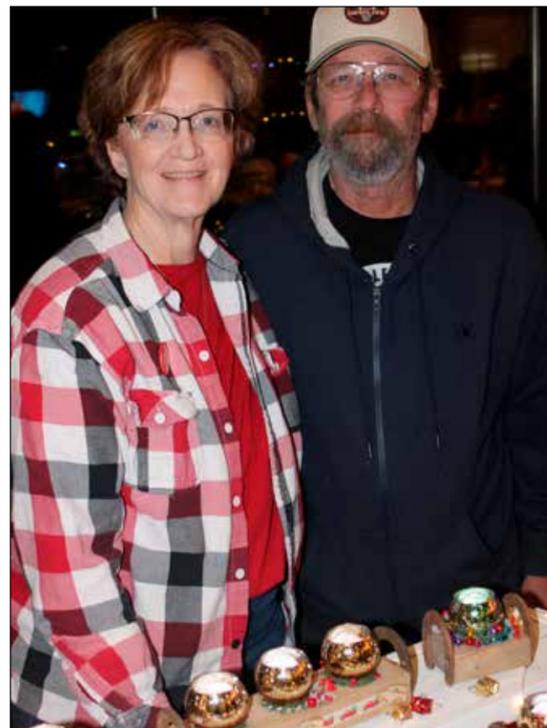
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Deb and Dean Massey.

# Couple find artistic outlet, fun times with new business in retirement

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Dean and Deb Massey are owners of Open Minded Artistry, a husband and wife-owned business that creates beautiful, one of a kind pieces of art. You can see, and buy, their art at various arts and crafts fairs around Las Vegas, including the annual ChalktoberFest and Christmas Pray for Snow events in Skye Canyon. You can see their products on their website, [www.openmindedartistry.com](http://www.openmindedartistry.com).

Call them at 702-626-9146 or email [openmindedartistry@gmail.com](mailto:openmindedartistry@gmail.com).

### What draws you to participate in the Skye Canyon community:

We have done several Skye Canyon events over the past three years, including ChalktoberFest and the Christmas Pray for Snow Festivals. We really enjoy participating in these events because Britney and Kendal are very friendly, organized and professional, making for an enjoyable outing. Their events are well attended and the Skye Canyon residents are always so

friendly and engaging.

### What types of art do you do?

We offer various types of abstract acrylic paintings, alcohol ink stained glass, unique lamps made from various types of wood, glass, and metals, and seasonal crafts.

### What go you into this business?

After we both retired (Dean from Clark County, Deb from City of Las Vegas), we decided we needed to find something to both have fun, and keep us busy. Thus, Open Minded Artistry was born. Dean's been able to tap into his love of art, researching different and/or creating new methods of applying both ink and paint, working with clients on custom pieces, and continuously looking for new projects. While Dean's the artist, I am known as Paperwork Girl! My job is to keep track of the books, research and apply for shows, keep all licenses up to date, inventory and log product, etc. Together we cover all the bases!

### What do you like best about the business?

I think the very best part of the business is the people we've met and the friends we've made!

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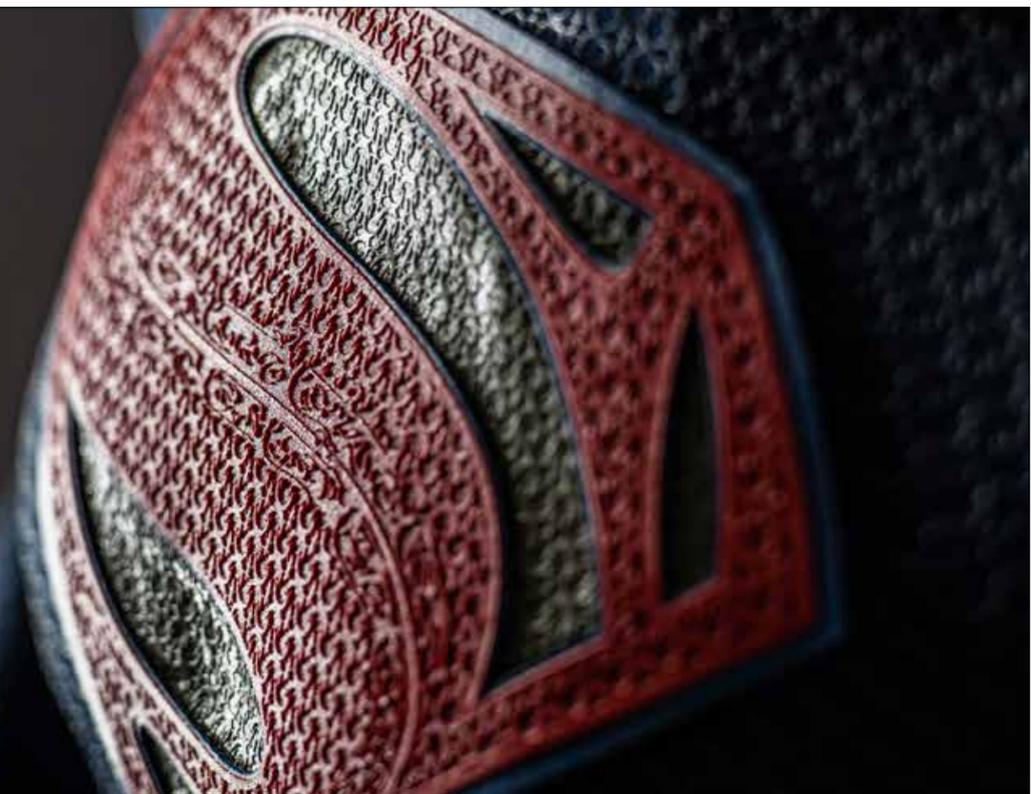
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# Couple

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sively for his business, but still plans on competing in regional MMA events in the future.

Besides success in the corporate world, Valentine is a former collegiate wrestler, professional kickboxer, MMA fighter, two-time national Jujitsu champion and Jujitsu world champion. Not to be outdone, Gruber is a ranked triathlete, Iron Man competitor, fitness model and motivational speaker. She was also a shooting victim of the largest mass shooting in U.S. history that took place on Oct. 1 Route 91 Harvest Festival. She regularly speaks on ways to turn tragedy into purpose and is a highly sought out speaker nationally.

Valentine and Gruber moved to Skye Canyon about a year ago. Both had lived in other parts of the valley, but chose this area because of the

amenities and because it suits their active lifestyles. Plus, with six kids, they needed a lot of space.

“Skye Canyon is a beautiful community, if not the most beautiful community,” Valentine said. “I think the people here are different than other communities too. I would say everyone makes you feel like you’re part of the family. All you have to do is look at Facebook. There’s a page for every community. You can post something like, ‘Hey, can we borrow tools’ or ‘Can you drop off your compressor at my house.’”

Valentine and Gruber spend a lot of time with their kids at Skye Center and other parks. They also enjoy the various community functions that the HOA puts on.

“All the fitness amenities are ridiculous,” Valentine said. “The parks, the pool, every weekend there’s something going on up here. It’s very family-centric. I know most of my neighbors. It’s like living in a small town.”

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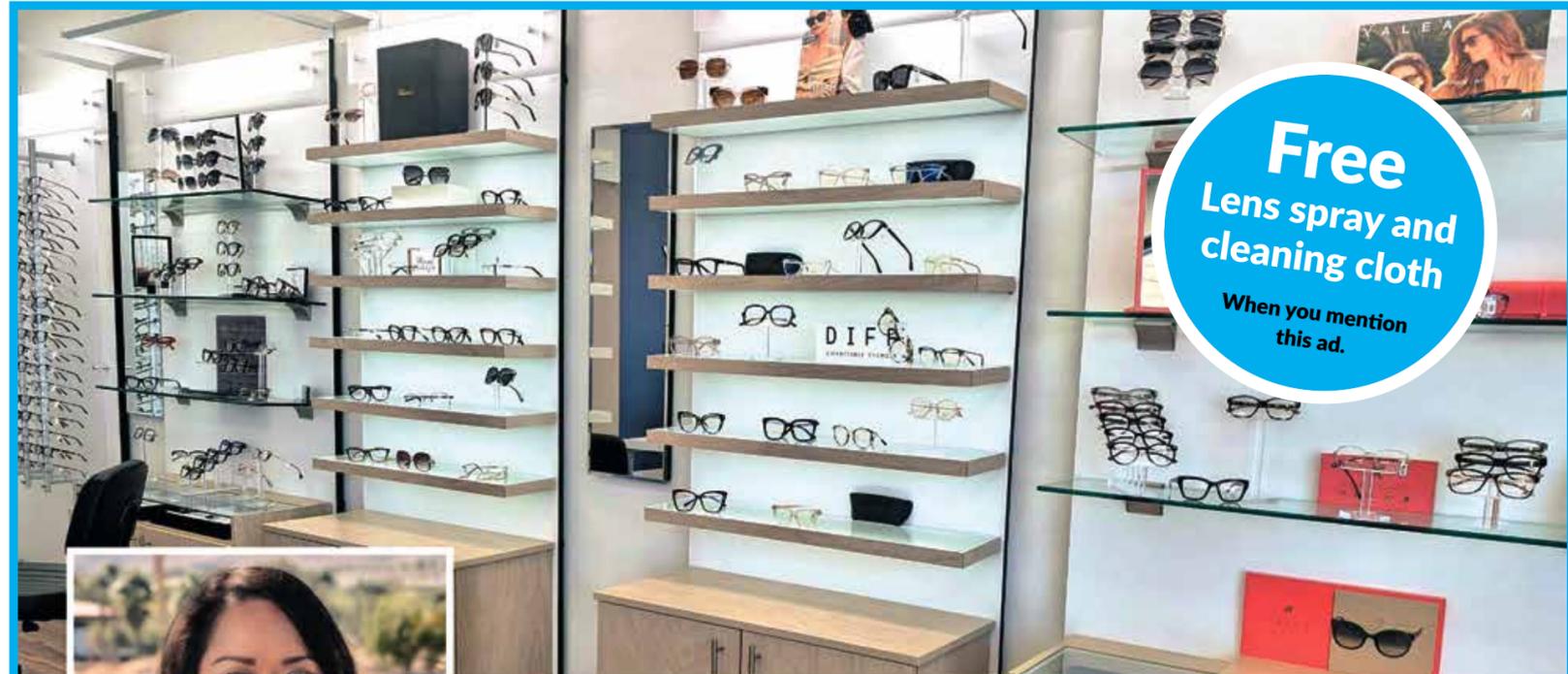


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## FRESH APPROACH



The weekly Farmer's Market at the Skye Center gives resident a chance to see vendors from different companies show their wares. Above, are Damien Pfalzgraf and Christopher Hart from Self Gen Solar. At right is Iryna Victor from Nevada Clean Water. The Farmer's Market takes place every Thursday from 2-6 p.m.



## Champs

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street lights everywhere," he said. "But Floyd Lamb, I can say, 'Go run five miles.' So designating Floyd Lamb as our home base has been enormous for program."

Next season's cross country teams, and this year's track teams, will be led by Carter Prater and Aislin McMahon. Prater broke the state 5K when he ran a 14:59 only to have another competitor run the same

time. Sheppard said McMahon, who is a sophomore this year, won every event she entered with the exception of the Nike Cross Country Southwest regional in Mesa, Arizona.

Also returning for the girls teams are Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada selections Makenzie Teal and Lacy Tippets.

Sheppard was honored as the 2024 Nevada Preps Southern Nevada boys cross country coach of the year.

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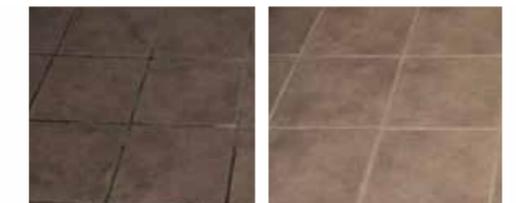
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**January home sales**

The Skye Canyon home sales market saw 19 homes close in the past 30 days, ending on Jan. 25.

The most expensive home sold was for \$789,760 on Coastal Oaks Street. The 3,259 square-foot, two-story home was built by Toll Brothers and closed on Jan. 8. The price was \$242 per square foot.

The least expensive home was a condominium on Grand Canyon Drive, a 1,137 square foot condo that sold for \$255,000. The home was built in 2004 and sold for \$224 per square foot.

In other real estate news, zip code 89166, which includes Skye Canyon, had the most homes sold in 2024. Clark County records show 1,772 homes were sold (1,528 single-family homes, 224 townhouses and 20 condos).

Following is a list of home closed for 30 days. Information is from Zillow.com.

8250 N Grand Canyon Dr Unit 1008, 1,137sqft, \$255,000  
10113 Skye Saddle Ave, 3,160 sqft, \$790,000  
10260 Lodge Pine Ave, 1,860 sqft, \$510,000  
8043 Skye Bridge St, 2,276

sqft, \$635,000  
10287 Ansley Bay Ave, 2,283 sqft, \$689,000  
10438 Wedgedale Ave, 3,418 sqft, \$726,179  
10779 Silver Trellis Ave, 1,749 sqft, \$539,000  
10620 Deibel Ave, 1,859 sqft, \$496,990  
8741 Faxom St, 1,859 sqft, \$516,690  
8874 Faxom St, 2,328 sqft, \$550,000  
8777 Stokestone St, 2,299 sqft, \$685,000  
10220 Meandering Dell Ave, 2,370 sqft, \$725,000  
8977 Coastal Oaks St, 2,164 sqft, \$705,000  
9013 Coastal Oaks St, 3,259 sqft, \$789,760  
8959 Coastal Oaks St, 2,164 sqft, \$785,000  
10125 Copper Meadow Ave, 2,370 sqft, \$737,500  
8952 Indigo Rose St, 2,156 sqft, \$714,000  
8950 Skye Canyon Ranch St, 1,810 sqft, \$618,000  
9252 Marler St, 2,561 sqft, \$642,329

**Crime Report — 89166**

Information gathered from LVMPD Open Source Date from Dec. 26-Jan. 25.

**ASSAULT**

Jan. 5, 7:35 p.m., 8600 block of Grand Canyon Drive  
Jan. 11, 5:34 a.m., 8200 block of Grand Canyon Drive  
Jan. 12, 3:12 a.m., 10400 block of Kimberton Avenue  
Jan. 13, 3:14 p.m., 9000 block of W. Skye Canyon Park Drive  
Jan. 18, 4:45 a.m., 10600 block of Centennial Parkway

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH MOTOR VEHICLE**

Jan. 6, 11:52 a.m., 6700 block of Valcour Street

**BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING**

Jan. 9, 6:14 a.m., 10100 block of Sequoia Falls Place

**IDENTITY THEFT**

Jan. 10, 4:30 a.m., 10800 block of Crestview Pointe Avenue  
Jan. 10, 7:56 p.m., 7100 block of North Hualapai Way

**FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME**

Jan. 16, 7:52 a.m., 10600 block of Pennant Avenue

**LARCENY/THEFT**

Dec. 31, 9:27 a.m., 7100 block of North Hualapai Way  
Jan. 3, 1:33 a.m., 8900 block of Faxon Street  
Jan. 6, 8:38 a.m., 10100 block of Knotty Skye Avenue

**TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY**

Jan. 14, 12:32 a.m., 9500 block of W. Skye Canyon Park Drive

**VANDALISM OF PROPERTY**

Jan. 6, 2:46 a.m., 7700 block of Donner Peak Street  
Jan. 7, 3:12 a.m., 10600 block of Moccasin Road.

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Jan. 14, 10:42 a.m., 10600 block of Auburn Springs Avenue  
Jan. 17, 7:53 a.m., 9400 block of Havasu Canyon Avenue Peak Street



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### FRIDAY, FEB. 7

**Bailongo A La Mexicana:** 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Conjunto Magico De Chihuahua will perform. No cover, 21-and-older.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 8

**Valentine's Cookie Decorat-**

### Love for All, Pickleball!

Las Vegas City Council women Frances Allen-Palenske (Ward 4) and Nancy Brune (Ward 6) invite the public to come out to second annual "Love For All, Pickleball!" event on Feb. 15 at the Durango Hills Pickleball Courts, 3521 N. Durango Drive.

T-shirts will be provided to all tournament participants. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Spots are limited. Cost is \$20 per participant.

The tournament features a round-robin format for beginners and intermediate players. There will be youth divisions, adult divisions and senior divisions.

To register, visit <https://registration.lasvegasnevada.gov/NV/las-vegas-nv/catalog>



**ing Workshop:** 1-3 p.m., Skye Center, 1011 W. Skye Canyon Park Drive. Actual cookies will be made in this class. \$55 per person. To register, [linktr.ee/skynecanyonlife](http://linktr.ee/skynecanyonlife) on Instagram.

**"Galentines" Build a Charcuterie Board:** 6-8 p.m., "The Gathering Place," 7800 W. Ann Road. Learn the art of building a stunning, Instagram-worthy charcuterie board. \$70 per person. To register, [www.corksncrafts.com/events/galentines-build-a-charcuterie-board/](http://www.corksncrafts.com/events/galentines-build-a-charcuterie-board/)

### SUNDAY, FEB. 9

**Farmer's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs, 9200 Tule Springs Road. Take in the winter colors and browse local vendors. Second and fourth Sundays of every month.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 14

**Valentine's Day Workshop:** 6-8 p.m., "The Gathering Place," 7800 W. Ann Road. Valentine's Day Resin Experience: Craft, Dine, and Celebrate Your Love! \$150 per couple. To register, [www.corksncrafts.com/events/valentines-day-workshop/](http://www.corksncrafts.com/events/valentines-day-workshop/)

**80s Station:** 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Las Vegas' finest

1980s tribute band, offering uncanny renditions of songs from the MTV generation. No cover, 21-and-up.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

**Blood Drive:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive. Schedule your appointment to give blood at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter sponsor code CHLIBRARY, or contact Vitalant for assistance at 1.877.258.4825.

**Valentine Mixology Workshop:** 6:30-8:20 p.m., Skye Center, 1011 W. Skye Canyon Park Drive. Learn to create three festive cocktails. Presented by Corks & Crafts. \$55 per person. 21-and-older. To register, [www.corksncrafts.com/events/fall-mixology-workshop-991/](http://www.corksncrafts.com/events/fall-mixology-workshop-991/)

**Empire Records:** 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Empire Records, the 90s experience, is the eclectic soundtrack of smash hits and even more obscure jams. No cover, 21-and-up.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

**Living With Wildlife:** 4-5 p.m., Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive. Join the Nevada Department of Wildlife to learn about fishing in Southern Nevada. Free and open to the public.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 21

**Bailongo A La Mexicana:** 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Torres 702 will perform. No cover, 21-and-older.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 22

**Floral Arrangement Workshop:** 6-8 p.m. Skye Center, 1011 W. Skye Canyon Park Drive. Learn all the tips and tricks to making and preserving a beautiful bouquet! \$50 per ticket. To register, [www.corksncrafts.com/events/floral-arrangement-workshop/](http://www.corksncrafts.com/events/floral-arrangement-workshop/)

**Literary Libations:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive. This Quarter's Book: Storming Caesars Palace by Annelise Orleck This Quarter's Cocktail: Champagne Spritzer! Additional options, including white wine, beer, and soda, will also be available with a drink ticket. \$15 donation. 21-and-older. Registration required.

**Richard Elliott:** 8 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Come out and listen to the chart-topping, Grammy nominated contemporary Jazz pioneer. Tickets \$67.50 plus fees. All ages. Purchase ticket at ant Station Casinos Rewards Center or online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com)

### SUNDAY, FEB. 23

**Farmer's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs, 9200 Tule Springs Road. Take in the winter colors and browse local vendors. Second and fourth Sundays of every month.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 28

**Blue String Theory:** 9 p.m. Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Five seasoned professional musicians that has dedicated their careers in performing live entertainment. No cover, 21-and-up.

## How to honor and nurture healthy relationships

By Cheri Petroni

February is the month of love—a time to celebrate the bonds that bring joy and meaning to our lives.

While Valentine's Day often highlights couples, it's also a wonderful opportunity to nurture connections with friends and family.

Whether romantic or platonic, healthy relationships require care, attention, and intentionality. Here are simple, powerful ways to strengthen those bonds.

### FOR COUPLES: DEEPENING CONNECTION

A thriving relationship is built on consistency and intentional practices. These three habits can help couples foster a strong, lasting bond:

**Weekly Check-Ins:** Set aside one hour each week to discuss household needs, work priorities, or simply how you're feeling. This habit keeps communication clear and ensures alignment as partners.

**Date Nights:** Whether it's a night out or a cozy evening at home, dedicating weekly time to reconnect can rekindle intimacy and remind you of the joy you share.

**Getaways:** Plan quarterly staycations and annual vacations to step away from daily routines. Exploring new places and experiences together strengthens your bond and creates cherished memories.

At the heart of these

practices is open and honest communication—a cornerstone of every healthy relationship. When you make space for vulnerability and understanding, challenges become opportunities for growth.

### FOR FRIENDSHIPS: CELEBRATING CONNECTION

Strong friendships are another vital source of joy and support. Just as with romantic relationships, intentional effort helps these connections thrive:

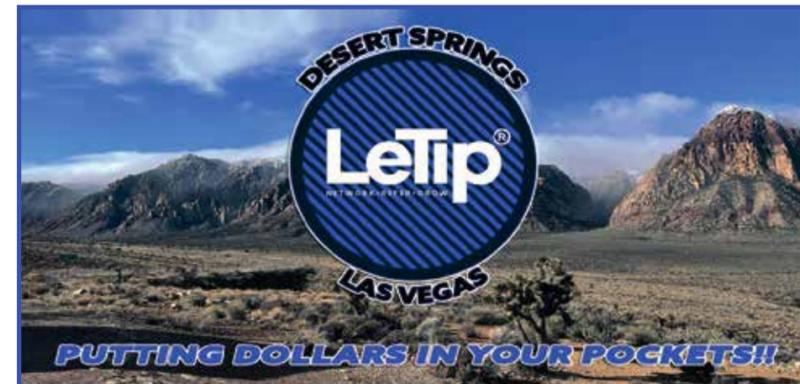
**Schedule Regular Time Together:** A monthly coffee date or casual meet-up fosters consistency.

**Celebrate Small Moments:** Recognize milestones, share in achievements, and express gratitude for each other.

**Support Growth:** Encourage your friends' aspirations and show up in meaningful ways, whether it's attending events or simply lending an ear.

This Valentine's Day, celebrate the connections that matter most. Whether sharing a heartfelt conversation with your partner or reaching out to a friend, small, intentional actions can cultivate deeper bonds. Relationships—romantic or otherwise—are gifts worth cherishing, not just this February but throughout the year.

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LeTip is more than just a professional networking group. It's about forming lasting relationships and personal growth. The Desert Springs Chapter meets every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Red Rock Country Club. It's a category-exclusive organization that meets weekly to exchange qualified leads, build solid business relationships, develop strong presentation skills and become proficient networkers.

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**Not at all!**  
— *Robyn Jones*

**No it only brings more crime and homelessness to what we already have.**

— *Terry Fitzgerald*



**Not even!!**  
— *Danna Thomas*

**As I understand it, this is percentage growth. Since our city is relatively small, any growth makes a big difference.**

— *Susan Zachodni Wolfe*



**nope**  
— *Mike Belnap*

**No**  
— *Ken Blackmon*







Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

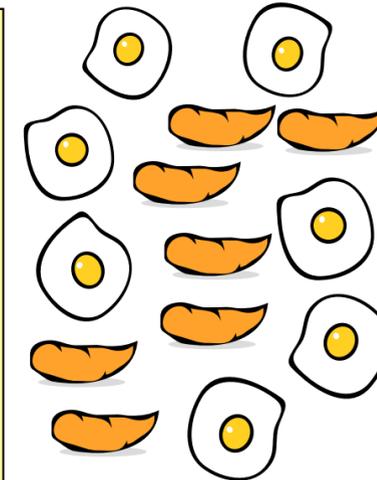
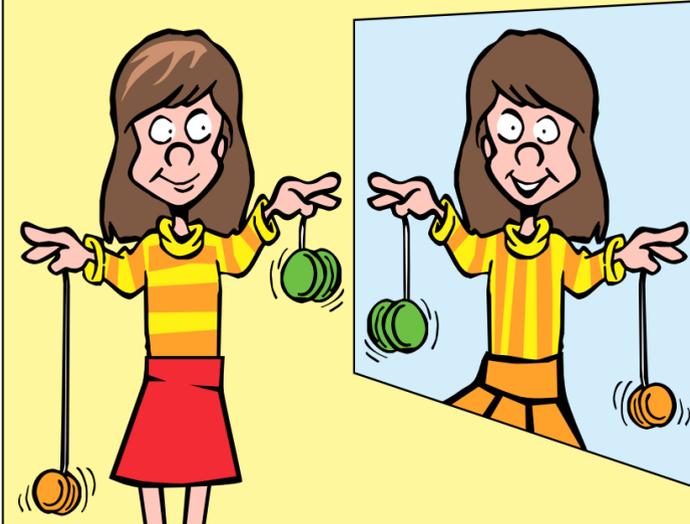
# Kid Scoop Junior

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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

## Here's Looking At You, Kid

Yolanda likes to watch herself yo-yo. How many differences can you find between Yolanda and her reflection?



## My Letters

Y is for Yo-Yo

y is for yo-yo



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Y. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the Y sound like the word yo-yo?

## My Numbers

How many  ?  
yolks

How many  ?  
yams



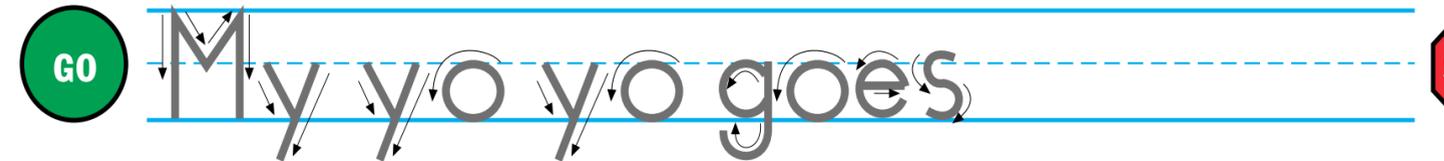
**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

## My Rhyme Time

My yo-yo goes up.  
My yo-yo goes down.  
Up. Down.  
Around town.

## My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



### Sunday

#### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter **Y** in **yellow**.

#### Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Monday

#### Math Play

Point to the number **7** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

#### More or Less

Teach the concept of **less** and **more**. Show your child two pictures in the newspaper with people. Ask, "Which picture has **more** people?" Repeat with other pictures and ask which has more cars, legs, noses, animals, etc.

### Wednesday

#### Shapes Dot-to-Dot

On a sheet of newspaper, draw dots for the corners of **triangles**, **squares** and **rectangles**. Number the dots. Have your child connect the dots to make shapes. Ask if the shape is a **triangle**, a **square** or a **rectangle**.

### Thursday

#### More Corners

Cut a picture from the newspaper in half along the diagonal to make two triangles. Count how many corners in a triangle. Compare your triangle shape to squares and rectangle shapes in the newspaper. Ask, "Which has more corners?"

### Friday

#### Shapes in Pictures

Look at a photograph or an ad in the newspaper. Have your child look for things that are square, rectangular and triangular in shape. Outline these shapes with different colors.

### Saturday

#### Yuck and Yummy

Look at newspaper pictures of food and objects. Have your child point to things he/she likes and say, "Yummy!" and to things he/she does not like and say, "Yuck!" Remind your child that the words **yuck** and **yummy** start with the letter **y**.



**Kid Scoop Junior** comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

**Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.