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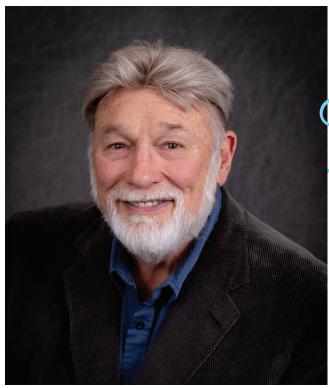
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THE DEVELOPER

I recently had a meeting with the city of Henderson's water department. Apparently, many of the homes in Stone Haven, Highlands I & II, along MacDonald Ranch Drive, St. Croix and Sleeping Dragon are using more water than they should, so the city is in the process of setting up a tiered system to increase fees on water-wasters. The proposal is to increase rates for high-users by as much as 300 percent.

I know that most of you do not set your own landscape water meters, I sure don't but it is now necessary for our landscape people who do actually set our clocks to comply with the law. The city will get tough on water-wasters and we certainly don't want to be known as a community that wastes water.

Your homeowners association has done a good job in changing out grass for artificial turf and turning back the drip irrigation, which saves them big dollars and helps conserve water! So, my advice is to have your landscapers turn your water down, especially in the winter, as higher rates are on their way.

While I have noticed that many of our new homes are using a zeroscape desert landscape palate, which, of course, saves water, they should also consider their plant palate. There are five or six terrific plants that are drought-tolerant and yet are green and attractive and will last years. We have only just now replaced some that we planted 20 years ago and that was primarily because the trees had grown so large that they obscured the sun. Plants like rosemary, Green Cloud Texas Ranger, Green Feathery Cassia, Acacia Redolens, Baccharis and Yellow Lantanas are bullet-proof. There are, of course, many others so a little research will go a long way to saving money, especially when rates go up 300 percent!

See you at the club.

Rich MacDonald



A message from the management: HOA LETTER

Dear MacDonald Highlands residents,

Hope your holidays were wonderful. I wanted to take this time to remind residents who host parties and get-togethers throughout the year that the association has a state-of-the-art guest management software system at the main entry gates. It is called QuickPass, which all residents can and should utilize whenever possible. Residents have the ability to log in to this system and add guests for their upcoming events and parties. Entering these lists early ensures that your guests will have minimal interruption when entering the community. In the past, we have had residents turn in handwritten guest lists right before a gathering, and this leads to confusion as gate attendants try to cross reference the list, and at times they are unable to make out the names of the guests. Using the QuickPass system to enter your guest list eliminates this tedious process and allows the gate attendants to more easily confirm your guests and allow them to pass.

To access your QuickPass account, visit quickpass.us. Once on the website, enter your username and password. If you do not know your username or password, contact the management office via email or phone, and we can provide this information to you. Once in the system, you can either go to "Visitors" or "My Events" and enter your information. This system can be used for planned parties and gatherings, or your day-to-day visitors. You would enter those visitors (guests and vendors) under the "Visitors" tab, and persons attending a party or gathering under the "My Events" tab. You can enter guests as either temporary visitors, duration visitors or permanent visitors and you pick the length of time temporary and duration visitors will be granted access. Permanent visitors will remain on your guest list until you remove them, and they will be granted access without needing to be approved each time they arrive. As well, you can also remove guests and vendors from your account through the system at any time. If you need assistance navigating the system, or have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself, or my assistant, Julie Murray, and we will gladly assist you.

If you have a smartphone, you also can download the QuickPass Visitor Management app and add your guests remotely wherever you are, without having to contact the gate house or management office, and the information immediately transmits to the gate houses. We would also like to inform you that if you do not have a smartphone or computer access, or simply, are not comfortable with using the QuickPass system, you can still provide a guest list (typed preferred, or legibly written) to either of the guard shacks or management at least 48 hours in advance of your gathering, and we can have the names input in the system on your behalf. If your gathering requires additional gate house staff, or additional roving services due to the size/number of people planned to attend, we will advise you, and inform you of the additional cost for the extra staff.

We also would like to remind you of some of the commonly broken parking rules, so that you are aware and can inform your guests accordingly:

- Due to city of Henderson fire code, on-street parking is limited to one side of the street only. Approved street parking for visitors or guests will be limited to the sidewalk side of the street. If there is not a sidewalk on that street, parking will be limited to the south or east side of the street only.
- Visitors and guests must have a pass displayed and visible in the vehicle window at all times.
- All vehicles parked within the community must have current registration and insurance.

I hope this information is useful, and want to wish you a happy New Year. If you have any questions regarding any association-related matter, please do not hesitate to contact the management office at 702-933-7764, or via email at Lroberts@rpmginc.com.

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Property Brothers, Drew and Johnathan Scott Photo Credit: Albion



televised nationally on Tennis Channel

• By Buck Wargo

The first Henderson Tennis Open at DragonRidge Country Club was televised nationally on the Tennis Channel. In November it was so successful that it's expected to return in 2020.

Mayo Hibi of Japan won the \$60,000 prize over Anhelina Serhiyivna Kalinina of Ukraine during the weeklong women's tournament in November as part of the U.S. Tennis Association pro circuit that provides a pathway for aspiring tennis players and established professionals to earn points to compete in the world's largest tournaments.

This tournament, which was known as the Red Rock Pro Open, was previously held for a decade at Red Rock Country Club in Summerlin but officials reached out to MacDonald Highlands, which sponsored the tourney along with the city of Henderson.



Henderson Tennis Open drew about 250 people in November.

"We're negotiating, now, to return the tournament back here next year and, hopefully, many years after that," said R.J. Tessier, the tennis and athletic director at DragonRidge. "All of the indications from Henderson was it went very well, and they're very happy with it. We had beautiful weather, great play and tons of coverage from the Tennis Channel. People watching heard them say how wonderful Henderson was and how beautiful DragonRidge was."

Tessier said they only had a little more than two months to put the tourney together but that getting an early start in 2020 will help line up additional sponsors. Most companies budget a year ahead of time for such expenditures, he said.

"Having a whole year and people seeing the tournament and seeing what a beautiful event it was will persuade more sponsors to come in," Tessier said. "It defrays cost for the staging and (32) umpires to come in and other costs."

The club as the host pays for seating and tenting, Tessier said.

"With the publicity we got, it was worth the money we spent," Tessier said. "We could have done a better job with selling food and beverages for VIP packages. That's where we make a little money at the club in the selling amenities at the pro shop."

Jean-Francois Blais, the tournament's director, said it went well, given the little time they had to put the tourney together. They had about 250 people for the final at the stadium court that seats 300. They had about 200 to 250 for the semifinals and had days during the week of 150 to 200 people. It had higher attendance than at Red Rock because it has a larger venue, he said.

"For us to have a successful tourney is for competitors to be happy and satisfied, and that was achieved," Blais said. "The players had good things to say about DragonRidge and the organization. They enjoyed the facility. The location is great. It's a country club, quiet and a nice gym there. They got to know what Henderson is because a lot of them didn't know."

The first day the television broadcasters referred to the tourney being in Las Vegas but the rest of the week they referred to it as Henderson and talked about DragonRidge, Blais said.

The tourney at the club's Tennis and Athletic Center garnered international headlines, television and social media coverage when

there was a fight between two competitors – an American from Georgia and a Canadian of Russian heritage – after the match ended.

"I was an unfortunate incident and not something you want to see ever, and we tried to deal with it the best we could," Blais said. "We made national news in Russia. A \$60,000 challenger shouldn't be getting that kind of attention.

The club resurfaced its courts before the tourney and now it's seeking proposals to add lighting at the main court to enable night matches that require a professional standard of lighting than recreational tennis, Tessier said.

The club is also looking at doing some improvements at its fitness center or maybe add another court, Tessier said. It has five courts, four of which were used for matches.





Mayo Hibi won \$60,000 in Tournament.

Adding lights would be great for spectators and easier for scheduling to run on three courts instead of four, Blais said.

"It would be a positive development to either have lights or add another court," Blais said. "That would give us more access to one more practice court because we run matches on four courts so we only have one warm-up court for the girls. It gets very difficult and we have to send them to the (two) HOA (homeowners association) courts, which are a different surface and speed. The girls want to be on a court that plays similar to the court they are going to play their match on."

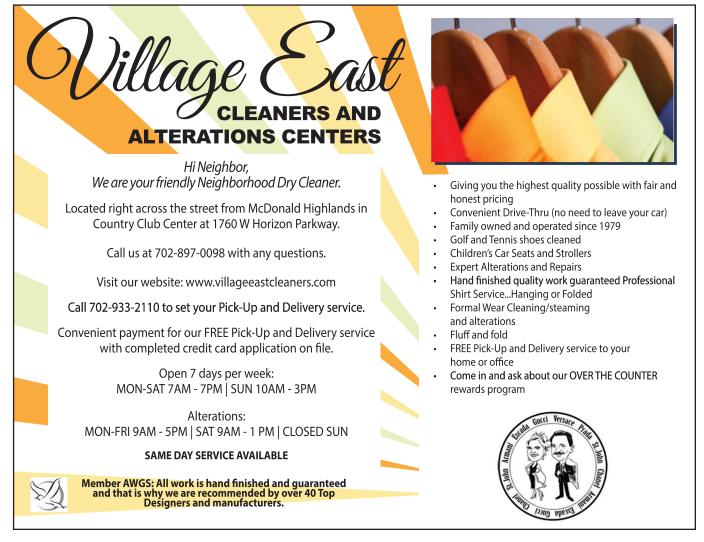
Tessier said MacDonald Highlanders developer Rich MacDonald has looked at resorts around the country about the importance of having other amenities besides golf.

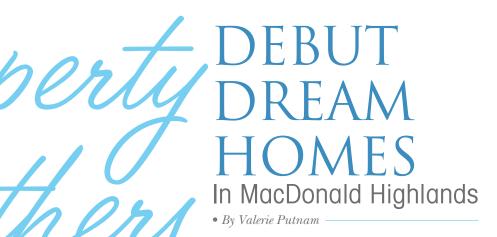
"It's important but not the main reason people are joining clubs now," Tessier said. "They want the amenity package and fitness."

MacDonald, who said he got to watch the tourney on television while he was away, said the planned improvements will make the tourney better in 2020. The fitness center will be expanded to handle more massage, manicures and pedicures.

"We're going to expand the dining food area out to make it larger," MacDonald said. "It's a better amenity for the community as a whole."

The club is still looking at replacing its existing pool at DragonRidge for a natural-looking pool and courtyard with waterfall and trees, MacDonald said. The goal is to do that in 2020, he said.





"It took a lot of discussion about what we wanted our vision for our first home to be," Drew Scott said. "And I think the big thing for us: We wanted someone to walk in and everything they dreamed of having in their home is there." Designed without limitations, the inimitable first Dream Home by Scott Living is taking shape in MacDonald Highlands.

Featuring designs by the Property Brothers, Drew and Jonathan Scott, Dream Home by Scott Living is designed to change the perception of building a custom, luxurious high-end home.

"This is somewhere you can let your imagination explode," Drew Scott said about Dream Homes. "I think the most important thing for us is we wanted this to be one of a kind. We don't want this to be a home that anybody else can see anywhere else."

Every dream home design is unique, incorporating breathtaking architecture, distinctive finishes, unrivaled amenities and cutting-edge technology.

Scheduled to be completed early next year, the MacDonald Highlands home is at 505 Dragon Gate Court. It is the first of many custom-designed dream home projects the brothers are planning.

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The initial Dream Home is an 8,600 square foot, three-level masterful design of modern luxury. Each distinctive detail brings the design to life resulting in an incredible ambiance throughout.

Highlights include soaring ceilings, clerestory windows, porcelain tile flooring, stone fireplace surrounds, massive pocket doors and a rooftop water feature.

The home features five bedrooms including a master and junior master suite, nine baths, covered outdoor movie theater, game room with a 23-foot bar, temperature-controlled glass-encased wine cellar and two-sided entry elevator.

"Every house can have a kitchen, living room, bedrooms, and baths," Drew Scott said. "It's all those additional spaces that make it unique and will make somebody jump all over the design."

One unique feature is the home's two-story man cave. Able to accommodate avid sports enthusiasts or car collectors, the space features 23-foot-high ceilings with a climbing wall, basketball hoop and full bar.

The space also includes four air compressor stations, a 12-foot car lift and enough space to park nine cars. The brothers designed it with the infrastructure already in place to transform the upper level into additional living space.

Inspired from Scottish castles, the home's biometric gated front entry traverses across a porcelain-tiled bridge with a three-level drop on each side sets the tone for the spectacular property.

"Growing up, we used to tour castles all the time in Scotland," Jonathan Scott said. "That's where the catwalk entrance into this house is from."



Property Brothers Drew and Jonathan Scott.

Tonya Harvey

The walkway leads to a 12-foot glass front pivot door that draws you into the main living area complete with kitchen, formal dining and living rooms. Enhanced by soaring ceilings and massive pocket doors, the grand open floor plan seamlessly blends indoor and outdoor living.

On one side of the room, a top-of-the-line gourmet kitchen features an expansive 12-foot-by-7-foot center island with white quartz countertop, two-tone cabinetry, breakfast nook and walk-in pantry. The functional space flows easily into the formal dining and living areas.

An exterior balcony wraps around the back of the home to reveal stunning views of the entire valley.

"It's about creating this whole lifestyle," Jonathan Scott said. "This house is designed for entertaining friends and family. We envision it being like the ultimate hub for people to spend their lives."

The private master suite offers breathtaking views of the Las Vegas Strip through expansive corner pocket doors. The cohesive blend of hardwood flooring and coordinating wood ceiling border warm up the intimate space.

The master bath features dual floating vanities, round freestanding tub and walk-in shower. The shower features dual body massagers, rain head and full steam. A decorative wood wall feature with handmade wood protrusions serves as a stunning focal point for the room.

Among the many unique architectural elements incorporated into the design are hidden ceiling air vent registers through the use of drop, or suspended, ceilings. Surrounding the home, the vast exterior features a voluminous swimming pool and spa, outdoor barbecue and lush landscaping.

Once the home is complete, the Scott Brothers plan to commemorate with a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as other festivities.

"We haven't announced exactly what we're doing yet," Drew Scott said. "But it's going to be exciting. We'll throw the best house-warming party, that's for sure."

The exclusive dream home is listed

for just shy of \$5 million through Ken Lowman, broker/owner of Luxury Homes of Las Vegas. Lowman is the exclusive Dream Home listing agent.

Lawrence Homes and Development Corp. is the exclusive general contractor for the Dream Home projects. The Scott Brothers began working with Lawrence Homes in 2017, launching the Dream Homes project in March 2018 with the ground-breaking of the MacDonald Highlands home.

Pinnacle Architecture and P. Scinta Designs LLC round out the

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Targeting the affluent, Dream homebuyers choose from several distinctive custom home plans. Each unique plan is designed by Drew and Jonathan Scott exclusively for Dream Homes by Scott Living. Designs provide home options at price points from \$5 million to under \$15 million.

"The challenge we've had is a lot of people loved the idea of Dream Homes," Drew Scott said. "But at that price point they wanted us to completely custom design their home

and we don't have time to do that. That is the reason we're creating these designs in advance."

Once a location is selected, each plan can be adapted to best suit the attributes of the home's site. After a design is built, it is never reproduced.

Future Dream Homes designs showcase even more distinct amenities such as helicopter pads, tiered exterior swimming pool, commercialsized water slide and even larger garages.



Drew and Jonathan Scott at the site of their first dream home.





Resident Rebecca Fountain builds for the future

• By Valerie Putnam

In an industry traditionally dominated by men, Rebecca Fountain champions women and diversity.

"Dynamic things are happening," Fountain said. "We are making some strides for both woman and minorities."

With more than 40 years in the construction industry, Fountain is considered a pioneer who is paving the way for other women to enter the field.

"I know what it took, from 40 years of doing this," Fountain said. "Women have to work much harder than men. I just want to see a fair playing field."

Founding KOR Building Group LLC in 2013, the construction industry entrepreneur and CEO has won contracts with McCarran International Airport, The Venetian, The Palazzo and The Cosmopolitan.

"It's really about building and developing relationships," Fountain said about her success. "And, if you're not participating in this community, you won't get very far."

"I just wrote out my plan on an Einstein bagel napkin," Fountain said about presenting her idea to five contractors. "The gentlemen I met with took it and got ahold of me about a week later, saying We're in.""

Living out a commitment to community involvement, Fountain is only the second woman to serve on the Nevada Contractors Association board of directors. She is a founding member and outgoing chair, having served from 2016-2019, of the Nevada Contractors Association's Inclusion Council and Diversity Steering Committee. Gerri Harris of MGM Resorts will take her place as the chair for Diversity and Inclusion Council and Diversity Steering Committee.

While on the NCA's Diversity Committee, Fountain worked on developing the NCA's Contract Readiness/Diversity Certification Preparation program.

"Our mission is to create quality diverse contractors through education and training," Fountain said. "Now there are rock-solid contractors coming out of the program."

Rebecca Fountain

Photos by Tonya Harvey

Fountain was recently voted to be on the NCA's executive board of directors, being the second woman to be appointed to this board.

She also serves on the Associated General Contractors of America National Diversity & Inclusion Council Steering Committee.

"I try to stay active and use whatever knowledge I can to help shape and mold the different projects to meet the needs of the communities we work with," said Fountain, whose business was awarded the Latin Chamber's Diverse Contractor of the Year in December. "But mostly in diversity to raise the awareness, bring women and all diverse contractors to the forefront."

Currently serving her second term, Fountain was appointed by former Gov. Brian Sandoval to serve on the Benefits and Oversight Committee for the Las Vegas Stadium Authority (Raiders Stadium). She is in her third term serving on the board of administration of the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Public or Private Employers, to which she was also appointed by Sandoval.

A Vegas native, Fountain started her career in residential construction where she learned how to build a house from pouring the concrete to framing and finishes.

She went on to work for Nevada Power in its Drafting, Builder Services and Transmission Engineering Departments. There she was involved in bringing transmission lines from the Utah border to the Charleston Substation, and helped build the infrastructure for subdivisions and custom maintenance type projects for the southern part of the valley.

In 1994, Fountain left Nevada Power to start her first woman-owned subcontracting construction company, Fountain Construction, Inc. She secured funding for her business with a napkin and a handshake.

"I just wrote out my plan on an Einstein bagel napkin," Fountain said about presenting her idea to five contractors. "The gentlemen I met with took it and got ahold of me about a week later, saying 'We're in.'"

The five men became her silent partners while Fountain retained 51 percent of the company.

"They trusted me," Fountain said. "At a level that was pretty significant."

Fountain set out to prove herself and enrolled in Contractors School. Working days and attending school at night, she completed the course within a month and earned a 97 percent on her certification test.

Fountain Construction installed underground utilities infrastructure throughout Las Vegas. Fountain also got her concrete license and installed curb, gutter, sidewalks and street lights for residential clients.

"At one point I had 120 guys working for me," Fountain said. "We did a lot of work for Nevada Power."

After operating her business for eight years, Fountain took a break from the industry. Three years into her sabbatical, the recession took a toll on her investments.

"The downturn really knocked me down," Fountain said. "I lost everything. It was really a dark time for me and my family."

On what she calls a "wing and a prayer," Fountain slowly worked her way back. In 2013, after working for other companies, she started KOR.

Fountain has grown her business over the past six years to employ a staff of 25 including her two sons and earning more than \$5

million in annual revenue. She says KOR is on target to double its revenue in 2020 by completing approximately \$10 million in construction projects.

KOR's primary focus is facility maintenance projects, tenant improvements, hotel remodels, commercial construction and themed construction. Themed construction projects include custom designed and fabricated displays around The Venetian ponds.

"It gives me a bit of a reprieve from the typical day to day," Fountain said about the themed work. "It's fun."

Her overarching vision is to be "largest woman-owned general construction company in the state."

A woman-owned business, Fountain has the privilege to bid on projects that set aside a certain percentage of contracts for diverse business entities.

"I leverage the diverse certification," Fountain said. "But once I get through the door the bidding is the same."

As a means to become more sustainable, Fountain plans to leverage her WBE certification to bid on federal projects.

"The next hurtle is going into the federal market," Fountain said. "And secure long-term contracts. I want sustainability so if there is another downturn, we'll weather the storm."

Fountain moved to MacDonald Highlands four years ago and eventually wants to build her own home in the community.

"It's just got a really great energy," Fountain said about MacDonald Highlands. "There are a lot of great people in the community."



Rebecca Fountain

Photos by Tonya Harvey



Construction and building prices are still increasing if you can believe it. For MacDonald Highlands homeowners, this will make resale homes more competitive and attractive to a buyer. I cannot stress the importance of making home improvements and updating your house, especially the kitchen and the baths. Your home is an asset and if you want it to appreciate, you need to continually improve that asset. Time alone does not pay back returns like home improvements. This will make all the difference in achieving top dollar and selling over your competition.

Lots of people ask me about land/lots and I talk a great deal about that, obviously. The unique and cool thing that you find in MacDonald Highlands is that there are no two lots are alike. They are so different when you walk and experience them first hand. They all have their own personality view and vibe. Just like people do. As unique as every individual is, so is every lot. Every lot is as special for very different reasons and no two are truly alike. I invite you to come out and experience gorgeous and unique lots first hand in 2020. It's fun and sure to inspire you.

The Las Vegas real estate market in 2020 looks strong and steady. Big election years always slow markets a bit and I am sure this election cycle will be no different. That said with high California personal and corporate taxes, traffic, business regulations, etc, I think that just may offset the force and keep Las Vegas real estate market strong and steady, especially in the luxury sector.

Real ESTATE REPORT

• By Kristen Routh-Silberman

Hope you had a great holiday season. There is nothing better than sharing your home with those you love. May your home be filled with joy and happiness, and may that follow you throughout 2020.

We began 2019 at a steady and stable pace and that continued throughout the year.

As a new luxury home destination, MacDonald Highlands was in high demand and our numbers show it again this year. For those of you counting, MacDonald Highlands sold a record-breaking number of lots for the third year in a row. The big news for the year was that we had a super well-rounded year in every category.

Here's how MacDonald Highlands Real Estate stacked up in 2019, as of Dec. 10, 2019, according to the Multiple listing Service.

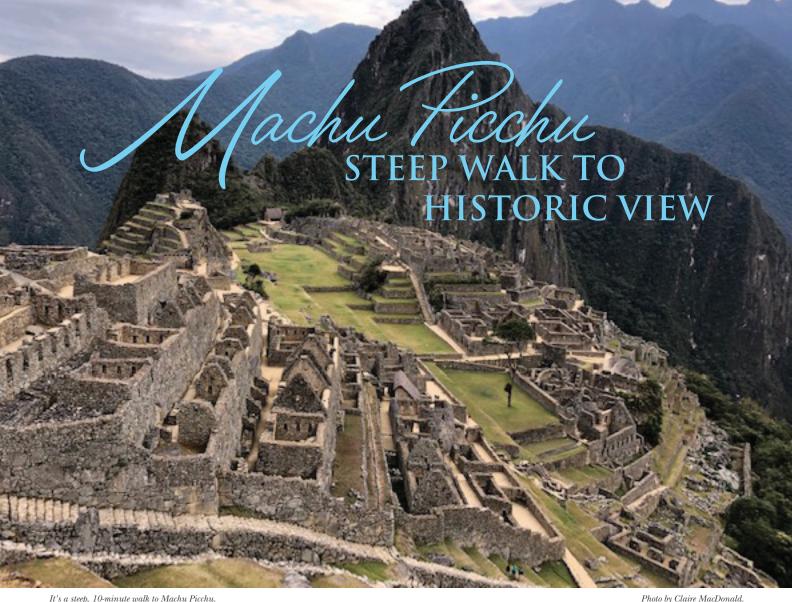
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I am so pleased that 2019 turned out to be another outstanding year for MacDonald Highland real estate and for the opportunity to shine with the first ever Concours d'Elegance and The Henderson Tennis Open. I am very excited for 2020 and looking forward to assisting all of you in the continuation of rising sales and values for MacDonald Highlands.

All the best and happy new year!

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Wanderlust • By Claire MacDonald

It started off with a phone call from friends in Hawaii. They were going to Peru to see Machu Picchu. My husband, Rich, replied that he had always wanted to go there. Our friends said there were four couples going, and one of the couples had just cancelled. We signed up to take the vacant space.

We flew for 61/2 hours from Las Vegas to Panama City, and another three hours to Lima, Peru. We stayed in Lima for three days prior to joining our land tour to Machu Picchu. Lima is on the coast of Peru and has about 8 million people (about the size of New York City). We stayed at an Intercontinental Hotel across from the beach. There was a shopping center across the street that you entered from the ground level and went down two levels. I found alpaca sweaters and scarves. The alpaca wool is very soft. The baby alpaca wool

is from the first shearing of a 3-year old alpaca. It is prized as it is extra soft. They can't start shearing prior to age 3 or the baby would freeze during the winter.

On our second day in Lima, the group decided to take an excursion to see the Nazca Lines. The Nazca Lines are a group of pre-Columbian geoglyphs etched into desert sands. It involved getting on a bus at 5 a.m. for a four-hour ride to the airport at Pisco, then taking a 90-minute plane ride over the Nazca Lines and a visit to the Paracas National Park tour. They got back on the bus for the four-hour ride back to the hotel. They were excited to see this world-famous spectacle.

My friend, Marti, and I decided we didn't want to go on the excursion and signed up for a four-hour Peruvian cooking class. We met the chef at the open market. We shopped for the ingredients needed for the class, we had a tour of the market. We saw their meat market, which was amazingly clean, did not smell and there were no flies. We chopped and mixed an appetizer, a main course and tried all kinds of fruits for dessert. We thoroughly enjoyed our leisurely day.

On our third day, we took Latham Airlines from Lima to Cusco, which takes about an hour. We spent two nights in the Urubamba Inkaterra Hotel in the Sacred Valley. The Inkaterra Hotel chain is a 5-star property. We stayed in individual cottages with king-size beds, large bathrooms with a huge shower and fireplaces. It was really cozy. They also had direct TV in the cottage so we could keep up with the news and favorite TV shows. Cusco is at 11,150 feet, and we were concerned that we might have elevation sickness. None of us did, but the hotel does have oxygen for those who need it.

After breakfast, we took a bus to Maras, the famous salt mines. They have thousands of small pools where pink salt is dried. The government owns the mines, and the local families work and receive a percentage of profits from the salt sold from their pools.



We also visited the Moray ruins where the Incas built terraces in a circular area in a valley. The site contains several terraced circular depressions up to 350 feet deep. Soil samples from different regions were used to help grow crops at the different levels of the terraces.

We were very impressed by the stepped terraces built by the Incas. Between 1438 and 1533, because of the lack of flat land for farming, they built stone retaining walls, filled the space with a base of gravel, topped with fine sand, more gravel, then topsoil so they could raise corn, beans, potatoes and other crops. The steep mountains and must have been extremely difficult to build. These terraces covered 4,000 square miles and were irrigated by a series of cisterns and canals. Remarkably, they were built in a period of 100 years.

The next morning, we took a late morning train to Aguas Calientes, which is the town at the foot of the mountain where we would ascend to Machu Picchu. The ride was about 23 miles, and took an hour and a half. We sat in the vista view car where the views were phenomenal. We checked into the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. All of the rooms required walking up several outside flights of steps. It got us prepared for the hike ahead of us. You can stay at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge just outside the entrance of Machu Picchu.

We got up at 5 a.m. the next morning and caught the first bus up the mountain to Machu Picchu, which left at 5:30 am. They only allow 600 people in per hour, and we wanted to be in the first group. The single lane road takes you up about 1,500 feet. When you encounter another bus, one has to back up to a place wide enough for the other bus to pass. It is a hairy ride – no guard rails and right on the edge of the mountain. We did see people who were walking from the valley floor to the top. It is basically walking up rock stairs and not walking up the road.

Once you get to the top, it is about a 10-minute walk to a viewing area where you look down on Machu Picchu. It isn't an easy walk. Lots of stairs. You have a choice of either the easy trail or a harder trail. We did the harder trail as we wanted to take pictures from the iconic site you always see. We had a terrific guide. We climbed stairs and wandered around the flat areas. He gave us time to catch our breath while giving us a history lesson. It took the Incas 30 years to build Machu Picchu and it was only lived in for 50 years. It is a beautiful site and awesome when you consider how high and inaccessible it is. It is well-preserved and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

One member of our group activated his Fitbit when we entered Machu Picchu. When we left, we had taken 18,632 steps, walked 8.39 miles and climbed 196 floors, all within 90 minutes. It was such an exciting experience that we had no idea of how strenuous the hike was. Rich and I were really proud that we had no problem with the elevation (8,000 feet) or the stairs. We took the bus back down in time for lunch. Most of us took a nap, but Rich spend three hours wandering around Aguas Calientes, afterwards.

Later that afternoon we took the train back to Cusco for sightseeing and shopping. The town has 500,000 people and is built on old Inca walls and foundations, and has a lot of colonial charm. We overnighted two nights at the Inkaterra La Casona Hotel, a former Spanish mansion with 12 rooms. The rooms are large with fireplaces. There is no name on the outside of the hotel, just an address, and you have to be staying in the hotel to get admitted. The last night after dinner, we flew back to Lima to catch an early plane the next morning.

While Rich and I wouldn't have been able to make the 1,500-foot climb up the hill from Aquas Calientes, we were really proud to have been able to walk the more difficult trail once the bus dropped us off at the top. For those who want to take the easier trail, you will see the whole sight without as many stairs. We saw people using canes and walking sticks and doing just fine. We actually did better than younger members of our group.

The Inca Trail hikes are rated by many to be in the top 5 treks in the world. You can do 10-day, seven-, four- or one-day hikes. You need to go during the dry season, which is from mid-April to the end of November.

Don't forget to attend the following events by A Destination Travel at DragonRidge Country Club, Montrose Room on Travel Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 11 Oceania Cruises
- Tuesday March 10 Crystal Cruises



Photos by Tonya Harvey



DEBUTS IN MACDONALD HIGHLANDS Event plans to return in 2020 • By Buck Wargo

MacDonald Highlands gained national attention from its first exotic car show, and organizers hope to return in 2020.

Called Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance, the show was a project of Las Vegas resident and car collector Stuart Sobek, the founder and chairman.

"Across the board in the automotive media it was very well-received," Sobek said. "People are saying things like it was a world-class event. That's all music to our ears. We wanted to hit this thing and make people feel like this was around a long time. We didn't seem like a first-year show. The expectation was high, and we did it. People enjoyed the cars, especially for a first year."

Autoweek and the sports car market in general showed a lot of interest, Sobek said. Its publisher Keith Martin was one of the honorary judges. "We were on Yahoo and MSN across the country and in Mexico and Singapore," Sobek said. "We had a good fluttering of information all over the globe."

The event brought visitors and car enthusiasts. About 2,000 people attended, including photographers and writers from abroad.

Six MacDonald Highlands residents participated in the show, but the list of participants wasn't made available and those contacted by organizers didn't reach out to discuss it. There were more than 135 vehicles in the invitation-only show, some of them worth millions of dollars.

"I know there are a lot of cars in the garages up there (in MacDonald Highlands), but, surprisingly, we only had a handful of entrants in the show," Sobek said. "And those that were in it were in non-judged classes."

The best of show winner included the pre-war category – 1931 Bugatti Dubos of the Nethercutt Collection in California.

The post-war best of show was a 1953 Ferrari 250 Europa Vignale from the Cogan Collection in Kentucky. That car also won best of show in the Swiss Concours last summer.

The Helene Awards (its automotive version of the Academy Award) were given to Sheri Goldstrom as curator of Nostalgia Street Rods Museum of Las Vegas; Michael Furman for excellence in automotive photography; and ArtCenter Pasadena, for education, a school from where most of the car designers originate.

Some of the oldest vehicles were a 1903 Cadillac A, 1927 Rolls Royce Phantom I Ascot Tourer, 1930 Cadillac V-16 Roadster Convertible and 1930 Auburn 8-95 Cabriolet. There was a 1935 Duesenberg JN Bojangles Sport Sedan, 1936 Mercedes-Benz 500 K Special Roadster, 1964 Maserati Quattroporte, 1974 Lamborghini Espada, 1954 Packard 7 Passenger (limousine), eight 1950s and 1960s Chevrolet Corvettes, Porsches, BMWs, Ferraris and Jaguars from the 1950s and 1960s and earlier decades.





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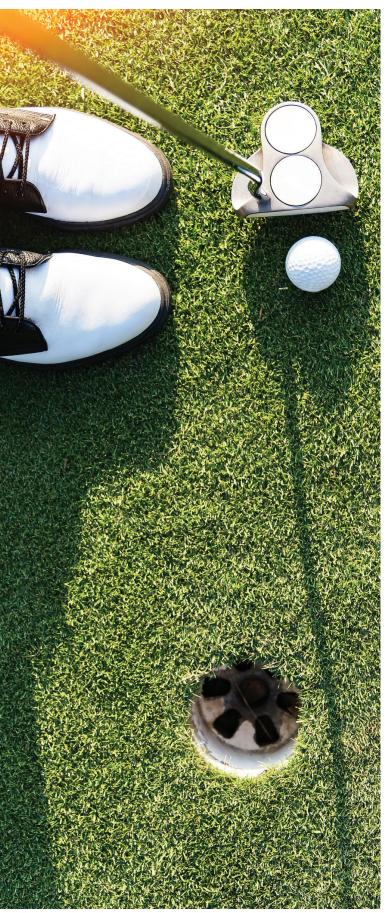
The cars were displayed on the golf course fairway, and Sobek said people commented on how beautiful the set up was.

"The grass was like carpet and a beautiful location in a prestigious gated community made it very special," said

MacDonald Highlands developer Rich MacDonald, who was walking the grounds during the show. He said it was a terrific event for the community and brought outsiders into see it.

"I think it's good when people see this place and it resonates with them," MacDonald said. "The organizers want to come back, and it's a good event for us. It brings well-heeled individuals to see the community, and that's always a good thing."





DRAGONRIDGE Forms its own PGA JR. Golf League

• By Buck Wargo

The junior golf program at DragonRidge Country Club at MacDonald Highlands is growing so much in popularity that it has formed its own league for competitions this spring.

Mike Davis, director of instruction at the club, said his players have been competitive in the valley's PGA Jr. League golf program. It had all-star team formed mostly of DragonRidge players, who won the city championship in July and placed second in the southwest section in Arizona in August, missing out on advancing to the national semifinals.

DragonRidge fielded two teams in 2019 as part of a five-team league in which it placed first and third. It's launching its own league with three teams from DragonRidge.

"We're going to be even better next year because there are a lot of good little kids on our team," Davis said. "We're going to form our own league and play matches amongst ourselves and play different courses. Some of the kids we have are at the top of their age group in Las Vegas. It's exciting."

Seven of the 10 players on the all-star team from the fiveteam league – one of five leagues in the valley – came from DragonRidge. By forming its own league, DragonRidge can have all 10 of its players compete in the city's tournament instead of selections by a formula that guaranteed the other three teams with a selection, Davis said.

"This year since I have my own league, I will be in charge of all the teams," Davis said. "I will make up the teams to be competitive against each other. The all-star team will be a little different because we have so many good kids. There might be six kids competitive for the last couple of spots so we will have qualifying."

In 2019, there were 27 players on the two teams, which has grown from 11 and 19 over the previous two years. Of the 27 players, a dozen were girls, Davis said. All girls and boys 11 and younger play from tees that are up from the back tees. Boys 12 and 13 play from the back tees.

Because there are three teams, one will always have a bye but likely play a practice match. The other two teams will play against each other, and some of the matches will be on other courses because the kids like the variety, he said.

"The oldest all-star player returning is 11, and the 11-year-olds are really good," Davis said. "We're going to add more boys and a really good girl. We will be stronger this year."

There's no requirement that the kid's parents are members of DragonRidge Country Club, Davis said. The program draws from

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across the valley in part because of Davis' coaching resume as one of the top 100 coaches in the nation as designated by the PGA of America. About a third are DragonRidge members.

"It's very exciting," Davis said. "We are trying to build up

membership. We had a few of the kids who joined our class and joined the club. That's a big deal. It grows the games by getting more players."

During league play, there are four separate matches with threehole matches in a scramble format with substitutions. There will be 10 to 12 players on each team to ensure kids get to play more, he said.

Davis said he will continue to have a future stars program for beginning players of eight and younger with some as young as five. They play in-house matches versus each other.

The sign-ups will start in early February. The season will either start in late March or early April.

The cost to play in the league is \$175 and that covers the uniform, hat, badges and six matches. The future stars program costs \$150.

There are team practice sessions four times a week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school and Saturday – but those are optional. The cost is \$395 for 20 hours that includes two 30-minute private lessons that are valued at \$40 each. The practice sessions average about \$18 an hour.





Photos Courtesy of Edward Homes.

Community draws quality builders • By Buck Wargo -

The newest multimillion-dollar home to open in MacDonald Highlands took center stage in the local real estate world and with media attention.

The home at 629 Dragon Peak Court is a rare luxury spec home – something that can only be done in a high-end gated community with plenty of amenities like MacDonald Highlands where demand is strong.

The two-story home was built by Edward Homes. It sits on 1 acre and measures 8,600 square feet with five bedrooms, seven bathrooms and a six-car garage.

Each bedroom has its own outdoor deck. The home has a THX surround sound movie theater and glass wine cellar. It has 23-foot ceiling in the great room, porcelain floor and gourmet kitchen. It has a pool and spa and outdoor fire lounge and roof deck over the master bedroom on the first floor. The second-floor deck is adjacent to a game loft.

Kristen Routh-Silberman, a Realtor for Synergy Sotheby's International Realty and master listing agent for MacDonald Highlands is the listing agent.

"It's one more quality builder that we're bringing into our neighborhood," Routh-Silberman said. "We continue to enhance and improve our product offerings for new buyers and for the people that live there, too. It is a great value add. We'll look forward to seeing products from them for the next foreseeable future for custom products."

Routh-Silberman said people talk about what they know and love, and that's why Realtors let the community know what homes are for sale because they love to have their friends be there neighbors.

"Over the last couple of years we have seen a lot of people come over from Summerlin," Routh-Silberman said. "Everybody wants to have their best friends move in their same neighborhood so they can see them more. It's fun to live around your friends."



The wine wall

Edward Homes has built this 8,600-square-foot home in the community.



The great room

Routh-Silberman said MacDonald Highlands is at or near the top in sales and sales volume for high-end communities for resale, new homes and lots. It competes with The Ridges in Summerlin.

The open house at the spec home brought in a lot of Realtors from the valley that will help find buyers for the home. Routh-Silberman said it was listed in December and hopes to sell it by Memorial Day.

Routh-Silberman said builders can build a spec home in any community but what they're looking for is communities that have velocity and liquidity like MacDonald Highlands.

"We have both of those. We sell a lot of homes and lots, and there's a lot of liquidity," Routh-Silberman said.

There's a lot of interest in the community.

The exotic car show in October and Henderson Tennis Open, which was televised on the Tennis Channel, created a spike in web traffic on home listings in MacDonald Highlands, she said.

"Those were big events," Routh-Silberman said.

The highest priced resale home on the market is at 770 Dragon Ridge Drive in Henderson that's listed at \$15.5 million by Gene Northup with Synergy Sothebys.

The two-story home measures 17,562 square feet with five bedrooms. It has a pool, gallery, gym, and sauna.

Kamran Zand of Luxury Estates International has a home listed for \$13.75 million nearby at 750 Dragon Ridge Drive.

It has more than 15,000 square feet on 2.2 acres. It has an indoor basketball court, outdoor tennis court, bowling alley, theater, gym and bar. \blacksquare

About the Mansion

- 8,600 Square Feet
- 5 Bedrooms, 7 Baths, 6-Car Garage





Kitchen



Dining room features sliding glass doors that open to the pool area



MacDonalds hold party to collect toys for Childhood Cancer Foundation



Donated gifts fill Rich and Claire MacDonald's home.



Photos by Tonya Harvey

D'Artagnan, Monica and Delano Jackson.

• By Valerie Putnam

The spirit of Christmas is characterized by giving and finding time for others.

This spirit filled Rich and Clarie MacDonald's home during their third-annual open house benefiting the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation.

"Rich and Claire have done so much," said Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation President and CEO Jeffrey Gordon, during the Dec. 7 event. "My heart is so full because of what's going on here."

More than 250 guests showed their support during the three-hour event, bringing in bags of all sizes filled with unwrapped toys.

"We may not be able to go back to our bedroom," Rich MacDonald said about the piles of toys in the long hallway leading to the room. "They're stacking up."

Leo Moschinio, MacDonald's son-in-law, brought two small bicycles, one for a girl and another for a boy.

"Children shouldn't have to deal with diseases like cancer," Moschinio said. "So, anything we can do to make a child happy and comfortable is tremendous."

Over the course of the evening, the MacDonalds' guests were treated to complementary valet service, passed trays of culinary enticements and a live performer singing songs of yesteryear.

"It's a good way to get together with people," Claire said. "And start the season off."

Waiters from DragonRidge Country Club catering roamed the crowd serving hors d'oeuvres. Guests chose from trays filled with delicacies such as bacon-wrapped scallops, crab cakes, chicken skewers and stuffed mushrooms with sausage.

"We catered it one time with actual stations," Claire said during the event. "It was too difficult to manage so we decided we'd rather do passed hors d'oeuvres."

Rich and Claire MacDonald, Kristen Routh-Silberman and Richard Luke.



Michael Ross Nugent performed live songs taken from the "Great American Songbook," singing selections from classic performers like Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Michael Bublé. Nugent performs at the Las Vegas Italian American Club.

This year's event is the second hosted in the couple's home and brought almost double the attendance from last year.

The MacDonalds stated they plan to host the seasonal event again next year.

"To be able to give back and make sure these families are OK. It's heartwarming."

"Rich and Claire MacDonald do it out of the graciousness of their hearts," Gordon said. "That, to me is the purest form of giving.

Transporting the toys from the MacDonald home takes multiple trips using several vans, trucks and Suburbans.

"It usually takes us three or four trips to get everything to our offices," Gordon said. "Then we start filing the needs of the families."

The toys are distributed throughout December directly to families unable to come to the Foundation offices. Gordon has delivered packages on both Christmas Eve and Day.

"Most of these families are very hard pressed to come and pick it up," Gordon said "We make a lot of deliveries from now until Christmas. Which is one of my favorite times of the year."

Those making the trip to the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation facility are treated to wrapped packages during a special holiday gettogether, complete with a Santa appearance.

"It's such a privilege to be able to do it," Gordon said about distributing the toys. "To be able to give back and make sure these families are OK. It's heartwarming."

Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation is the official charity for the MacDonald Highlands community. Members of the community host several fundraising events throughout the year, including the MacDonald's holiday open house.

"These children have enough to go through," Rich MacDonald said. "It's nice to give them a Christmas."

Gordon believes the generous toy donations given during the MacDonalds' event will help more than 50 families, augmenting the Foundations Adopt-a-Family program. He emphasized supporting families with children battling severe illness is a tremendous need in our community. He has over 600 active files.

"When a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening or critical illness, worlds turn upside down," Gordon said at the event. "And you talk to the families and the last thing they are thinking about is Christmas. They're worried about taking care of their child. An event like this takes the burden off and makes sure the families that are most in need have a Christmas."

Anyone wishing to donate to the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation can visit nvccf.org.



Charlotte Evans, Larry Wright and Brandi Montano



Richard and Beverly Dix and Sheldon and Nancy Laube.



Danielle Johnson, Madison Wedderspoon, Adrienne Terry and Michelle Wedderspoon.



Laura McSwain, Kathy Smith, Simon Millington and Tara McSwain.



The DragonRidge LUAU was held Oct. 6. Club members and guests enjoyed a full Hawaiian buffet with live music, hula and fire dancers.









The annual Halloween Happy Hour and Costume Contest was held Oct. 25. This event was for DragonRidge's adult members. There was a happy hour for drinks and socializing. Prizes were given to costumes for Best Couple, Best Man and Best Woman. On Oct. 26 the club held the annual Kids Halloween Party at the Tennis and Athletic Center. The event drew hundreds of residents. There were dancing zombies, a graveyard, games, bounce house, activities and treats.







DragonRidge MEMBER EVENTS

JANUARY -

- Jan. 1 Knights Challenge Begins (golf)
- Jan. 4 Icebreaker Open (golf)
- Jan. 8 Ladies Tennis Boot Camp (tennis)
- Jan. 11 Weddings Open House (open to homeowners association)
- Jan. 19 Couples 18 & Dine (golf)
- Jan. 24 Chinese New Year Happy Hour Year of the Rat (Pack!)
- Jan. 30 Sushi & Sake Night

FEBRUARY —

- Feb. 2 Super Bowl Watch Party in the ballroom
- Feb. 2 Super Bowl Scramble (golf)
- Feb. 9 Valentine's Day Tennis Mixer (tennis)
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner, Dancing & Live Music in the ballroom
- Feb. 15 Couples Sweetheart Tournament/ Two-Person Best Ball (golf)
- Feb. 29 DragonRidge Masquerade Ball

MARCH -

- Mar. 5- Tennis Calcutta Bidding / Cocktail Hour (tennis)
- Mar. 7-8 DragonRidge Men's & Ladies'
 Member-Member Tournament (golf)
- Mar. 8- Calcutta Tennis Tournament (tennis)
- Mar. 15 Couples 18 & Dine (golf)
- Mar. 18 St. Paddy's Theme Happy Hour (observed)
- Mar. 30-31 Course aerification, golf course and driving range closed

APRIL -

- Apr. 1 Course aerification, golf course and driving range closed
- Apr. 2-5 Junior Tennis Challenger Tournament (tennis)
- Apr. 11- EASTER EGG HUNT at the Tennis & Athletic Center (open to HOA)
- Apr. 12 Easter Brunch in the ballroom
- Apr. 11- DragonRidge The Masters -Challenge/ Two-Person Best Ball (golf)
- Apr. 21- THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF DRAGONRIDGE ~ Founder's Day Celebration!
- Apr. 23-25 Dragon-Slayer Men's Member Guest Tournament (golf)
- Apr. 30 DragonRidge Ladies' Member Guest Tournament (golf)

The annual Fall Fest was held Nov. 3. About 400 residents of MacDonald Highlands came out to the DragonRidge Driving Range for the event that featured live bluegrass music, craft beer and wine tasting, hay rides, a pumpkin patch, giant obstacle course, full bar, gourmet food trucks. It was perfect weather for the day's activities.











The Dec. 8 Breakfast with Santa was another sold-out event in the Grand Highlands Ballroom. More than 200 kids and parents enjoyed hot cocoa as they watched Santa Claus land on the 18th green, direct from the North Pole via Papillon Helicopter. Thank you Papillon! Santa and his elf stayed for the entire brunch to meet every child and take holiday photos.









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WINTER HOURS 2019

Clubhouse (Closed Mondays)

Dragon Grille: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Closed Monday

Onyx Bar Hours

Wednesday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00pm Happy Hour: 5:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m. Half Priced Drinks at Happy Hour Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Featuring Limited Food Specials

Montrose Dining

Wednesday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Reservations Recommended (702) 614-4444 reception@dragonridgecc.com

Tee Times Start: JAN. 8 a.m., FEB. 8 a.m., MAR. 7:30 a.m.

Golf Shop: Tuesday - Sunday: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tennis & Athletic Center

Monday – Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tennis Court Hours Monday – Sunday: 6:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Child Care Hours (with 24 hour notice) Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Utilities Henderson Utilities - 702-267-5900 NV Energy - 877-860-6020 Cable (Cox) - 702-966-2290

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