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'Human Calculator' to wow students, audience on Mesa TV show

In addition to Scott Flansburg, Friday's 'Mesa Morning Live' taping to also feature Mayor Scott Smith

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Scott Flansburg

Scott Flansburg is known as "The Human Calculator" for his unbelievably-quick math skills. Flansburg will be featured on "Mesa Morning Live," a local television show airing on Mesa Channel 11 and at MesaMorningLive.com, produced by the Mesa Chamber of Commerce. [Photo courtesy Mesa Chamber of Commerce/Scott Flansburg.com]

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Who: Scott Flansburg ('The Human Calculator'), Mesa Mayor Scott Smith

What: Live Taping of Mesa Morning Live

When: Friday, Sept. 13. 6:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Where: Crescent Crown Distributing, 1640 W. Broadway Road, Mesa

Information: \$20 pre-registered [evtnow.com/5tm]/\$30 at the Door

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By Jessica Boehm, Special to Tribune | 0 comments

Mesa Morning Live, a monthly television program hosted and produced by the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and Mesa's Channel 11, will welcome unique guests this Friday including a man nicknamed "The Human Calculator" for his super-speedy math skills.

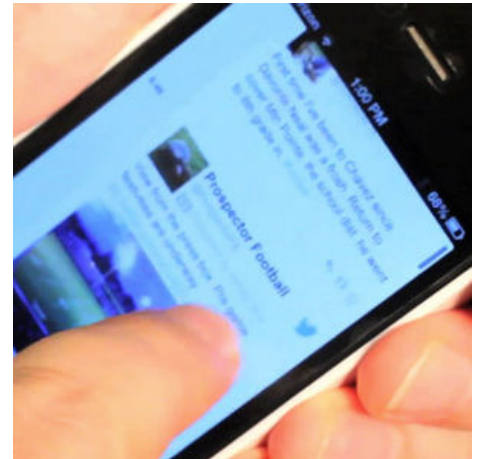
Scott Flansburg, who holds the Guinness World Record for adding the same number to itself more times in 15 seconds than a person can do using a calculator, will put his skills to the test by competing against Mesa Community College students with calculators in hand.

Growing up, Flansburg had teachers tell him he would not succeed in math because he had a different way of looking at things and finding answers than what was traditionally taught, said Mark Cordes, host of Mesa Morning Live. Now a successful math educator and entertainer who has appeared on national television multiple times, he uses his story and skills to inspire others.

"Not only are students going to learn something ... but his back story is so inspirational," said Sean Barry, director of communications for the Mesa Chamber of Commerce.

Jared Langkilde, director of development and community relations at Mesa Community College, said MCC is inviting about 30 students

from intermediate algebra courses to wage their calculator skills against Flansburg's brain. He said this would be a learning opportunity unlike what they could provide in a classroom setting.



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"Anytime you can mix a little bit of fun with math, I think can only encourage students to do better," Langkilde said.

Mayor Scott Smith will also make an appearance on the show to talk about a new campaign called "Get Your Business Online," which encourages Mesa businesses to have a larger online presence. The campaign is part of a partnership between the city of Mesa, the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and Google.

This will be the 18th episode of Mesa Morning Live, which is taped in front of a live audience the second Friday of each month. Beginning the middle of next week, this month's show will air multiple times a week on Cox Channel 11, with current and past individual interviews available on the Mesa Chamber of Commerce's YouTube channel (evtnow.com/5tn). Links to full episodes or segments are also listed at mesamorninglive.com.

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