

Winter skills workshop

Join volunteer outdoorsman Bill Holt and the Tahoe Rim Trail Association for a one-day winter skills workshop. This class will be offered Feb. 20 and March 6.

The class will begin with classroom time in the morning and outdoor navigation in the afternoon. Your map and compass will be provided; bring lunch and winter clothing suitable for an afternoon of snowshoeing.

The class will include: challenges of winter navigation, using a map to navigate, hands-on exercises and using compasses.

Location: DWR Nonprofit Center, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village

Cost: \$25

Register in advance, as space is limited to 12 participants.

For more information or to sign-up for this class, call (775) 298.0012 or email programs@tahoerimtrail.org.

Teen driving class at STHS

Start Smart is aimed at helping newly licensed and future licensed teenage drivers become aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed California driver. The program was created in an effort to preemptively reduce the incidence of teen injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicle collisions.

Teen drivers and their parents/guardians are invited to attend

and participate in a Start Smart class. Recent statistics have shown that in California teenage drivers are injured and are dying in automobile accidents at an alarming rate.

Through candid conversations, officers in attendance will address these facts and provide examples of driving tendencies that put young drivers at risk. This program will help attendees understand that driving is serious and a poor choice behind the wheel of a car can put a person's life and the lives of others in jeopardy.

The next class is Feb. 9 at 6pm at the South Tahoe High School Library. All classes are free and last approximately two hours.

To reserve a space in this Start Smart Class, contact the California Highway Patrol at (530) 577.1001.

Lavish Green on the South Shore

Lavish Green at Divided Sky in Meyers on Feb. 5 starting at 10pm.

Local authors at Douglas

County Library

The Douglas County Public Library in Minden presents, "An Afternoon with Local Authors" on Feb. 6 from 2-4pm.

This free event will feature an appearance by South Lake Tahoe mystery author Todd Borg. Other authors participating include: Dianna Maria de Borges, Soozie Lewis, Tim Mueller, Stan Paher, Tom Perkins, and Julia Wells.

The authors will sell their books, meet readers and sign autographs.

Borg is the author of the Owen McKenna mystery series set at Lake Tahoe and the surrounding area. His latest book "Tahoe Night" was released in August. Borg's novels have won the Ben Franklin Award for Best Mystery of the Year and won Best Mystery and Best Thriller awards from the Bay Area Independent Publisher's Association. His series of books have received many accolades and awards and have been praised in major newspapers and magazines.

De Borges is the daughter-in-law of the late Sam Borges, the founder of Borges Sleigh Rides at Lake Tahoe. She is a storyteller of local lore and legend. In her book she shares the family's stories and adventures throughout their years as sleigh drivers and storytellers in the Sierra region.

Lewis has lived in Nevada since 1984 with her husband and family. Her book, "The Bloomingsons of the Nevada Sage" chronicles the lives of a fictional family that relocates to the Carson Valley in 1967. The great joys and heartbreaking difficulties of life, mixed with the beauty and dry rustic essence of a wilderness land, inspired her to create this story of hope, love and faith.

Mueller is a lifelong baseball fan whose love of the game and Nevada led to the book "Homeruns & Jackpots: Baseball in

Nevada.â€ Mueller learned the nuances of Americaâ€™s favorite pastime through years of watching games at Renoâ€™s Moana Stadium. This led to the overwhelming discovery of the great impact Nevada had on baseball in America. Mueller takes the reader on a ride through history that meets up with players such as Lyle Overbay, Matt Williams, Ray Fosse and Bud Beasley. Muellerâ€™s book will change the way people look at a baseball diamond. Mueller lives with his wife Sue, and two children in Carson City.

Paher wants the story of Nevada to be told. His first book, â€œNevadaâ€™s Ghost Towns and Mining Campsâ€ came out in 1966, and has been reprinted several times with additional photos and information. He continues to share his interest in Nevada history in his newest book, â€œNevada Ghost Towns and Desert Atlas.â€ He is known as the largest collector of Nevada items including rare bonds, coins, documents, and photographs. He is the author of books about Lake Tahoe, Death Valley, and ghost towns and mining camps in Nevada, California, and Arizona. He lives in Reno and Las Vegas.

Wellsâ€™ book â€œBlessed Beâ€ is her testimony and life story. She was born in San Pedro, in 1947. Wells moved to Nevada 40 years ago, spending time in the Reno/Sparks area before moving to Carson City where she met and married her husband. She studied interior design and as a hobby took creative writing classes. Wells has been active in her community through her employment and with a number of service organizations. She was inspired to write her book when her husband was diagnosed with cancer.

The Douglas County Public Library is located at 1625 Library Lane in Minden.

For more information, call (775) 782-9841 or visit douglas.lib.nv.us.

Meeting about EDC homeless

El Dorado Community Foundation will host a meeting on the homeless on Feb. 18 from 1-3pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to explore: the current system of care, the level of government involvement financially, law enforcement interaction and intervention, and value of consolidation and coordination.

It will be at the Sequoia Restaurant Ballroom, 643 Bee St., Placerville.

RSVP requested to bill@eldoradcf.org.

Bottled water v. tap – the movie

“TAPPED” is currently only available for viewing at theaters or licensed public screenings. There is no admission charge for attending the “TAPPED” screenings; donations will be accepted for the hosting locations.

Scheduled screenings:

Feb. 25 at 6:30pm; free; Aspen Room in the library of the Lake Tahoe Community College, 1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

March 31 at 6pm, free, UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Sierra Nevada College Campus, 291 Country Club Drive,

Incline Village.

A third screening in the Tahoe City area is being arranged for May.

Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? Stephanie Soechtig's award winning feature film, "TAPPED" is an unflinching examination of the business of the billion dollar bottled water industry.

From the producers of "Who Killed the Electric Car" and "I.O.U.U.S.A." this documentary is a behind the scenes look at the unregulated and unseen works of an industry that aims to privatize and sell back one resource that ought never become a commodity, our water.

From the plastic production to the ocean where so many of these bottles end up, this inspiring documentary trails the path of the bottled water industry, and the communities that were unwitting chips on the table. A powerful portrait of the lives affected by the bottled water industry, this revelatory film features those caught in the intersection of big business and the public's right to water. From the website: www.tappedthemovie.com

The February and March screenings are presented by the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association in partnership with the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences and Lake Tahoe Community College.

For more information, call Madonna Dunbar at (775) 832.1212, email mod@ivgid.org, or go to www.tahoeh2o.org.

CPR class

A BLS CPR class is being offered Feb. 15 from 5:30-9pm. Cost is \$50 for this one-evening class. Fee includes manual. T

his course is geared for the general public, covering the 30:2 CPR for adults, children and infants, AED, airway, masks and choking. With successful completion, students will receive a two-year CPR certificate.

The instructor is Duane DeClerck.

Sign up early to guarantee that you will get your book in advance. Need a minimum of six students for this class to run.

To register, stop by the South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation Complex at 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, call (530) 542.6056.

Caregiving meeting in South Tahoe

Caregiving is a difficult and often challenging role that one can undertake, and taking the opportunity to share information and feel connected to others who are providing care is a vital step to perform this task to the best of your ability.

Take the opportunity on March 11 from 5:30-7:30pm at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center, 3050 Highway 50, South Lake Tahoe, to become connected and rejuvenated at your local support group.

Refreshments will be served. Free respite care is available to qualified caregivers. Pre-authorization is required for respite services.

Questions? Contact Penny with the Alzheimer's Association at (530) 541.2304 or the Family Caregiver Support Program at (530) 621.6251 or (530) 621.6151.

Lake Tahoe Democratic Club meeting

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