

# **DUI checkpoint in Meyers on Nov. 27**

The California Highway Patrol and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Nov. 27.

The checkpoint will be located on Highway 50 in Meyers.

The sobriety checkpoint will be staffed by officers from both departments who are trained in the detection of alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers.

Funding for the checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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## **Information for drivers in Nevada**

Motorists traveling Nevada highways during the Thanksgiving holiday may receive instant, free information on road conditions with the Nevada Department of Transportation's 511 Nevada Travel Info System.

The system posts current Nevada road, construction, weather and accident reports to an easy-to-remember 511 phone number and [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) website. Before traveling, motorists simply dial 511 toll-free, 24 hours a day from within the state. Designated by major section of state road, callers then select their state route number for automated road conditions, weather forecasts, scheduled event road closures and

construction updates. Out-of-state callers can dial 1-877-NV-ROADS to receive the same information.

The road listings are also available under 511 Travel Info at NDOT's [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) website. On the site, a Nevada road map zooms into the user's desired state travel route, with different icons detailing construction, accidents and weather closures. Similar information is also available in easy-to-read text format. Online and by phone, users must select their chosen road by state route number.

Thanksgiving holiday travelers can also find winter driving safety tips on the department's website at [www.nevadadot.com/winter](http://www.nevadadot.com/winter).

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## **Santa's helpers needed**

Help make someone's Christmas brighter. The South Lake Tahoe Branch Library is inviting Santa's Helpers of all ages to help make wreaths and tree ornaments for Assisted Care patients at Barton Hospital on Dec. 5 from 10am-noon. Enjoy Christmas music and refreshments while you work. For additional information, call Jan at the library (530) 573.3185.

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## **Winter driving class Dec. 15**

California Highway Patrol is offering a second class winter driving class on Dec. 15.

The class is at South Tahoe High School's library from 6-8pm.

Space is limited. Contact Officer Jeff Gartner at (530) 577.1001 to reserve a spot.

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## Inside the ski industry



Opening day at  
Northstar.

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With three ski resorts opening this past Saturday in Lake Tahoe – Northstar, Squaw and Heavenly – isn't it time to learn what is going on within the industry? Listen tonight at 6 as Julie Maurer, vice president of marketing for Booth Creek Resorts, gives an insider's view on the industry as a whole. She will be on KTHO FM-96.1/AM-590 as well as [www.kthoradio.com](http://www.kthoradio.com).

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## South Shore chamber awards

Awards in six categories were given this month to businesses and/or individuals the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of

Commerce believes have made notable contributions to the sustainability of and quality of life in the area.

Winners were:

**Experience:** Marcus Ashley Gallers, owned by Ashley and Marcus Matilla.

**Entrepreneur:** Becky Bell, owner and creator of Tahoe Arts & Mountain Culture.

**Small Green Business:** 968 Park Hotel.

**Large Green Business:** Embassy Suites.

**Customer Service:** Margaret Shimono, manager of the Floral Department at Safeway in Round Hill.

**Public Agency Service Award:** CHP Officer Jeff Gartner.

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## **Ambulances rolling to more calls**

Brian Pond, who oversees the ambulance service in El Dorado County in the Lake Tahoe Basin, gave a brief report to the South Lake Tahoe City Council on Nov. 17.

He said in the last year there were 2,555 calls, which is up 4.6 percent from the previous year.

Pond said per county regulations pertaining to how fast an ambulance is supposed to respond to a call, drivers hit the mark 99.42 percent of the time.

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# Fallen Leaf Lake board meets Saturday

Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District has scheduled a meeting to discuss among other items the future of a marina and general store operation at the mountain hamlet.

At issue for much of the year has been whether the Rich family will continue to run the operation after 14 years or whether the district board will take over the venture. The item has brought out many interested residents – some disgruntled, some not.

The meeting is slated for Saturday at 11am at the South Lake Tahoe City Council Chambers at Lake Tahoe Airport.

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# Learn about trends in the ski industry



All week *Lake Tahoe News* has been bringing you stories about what's going on at nine of the ski resorts in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin. Now find out what is going on within the ski industry as Publisher Kathryn Reed talks to Julie Maurer, marketing exec with Booth Creek Resorts, on KTHO FM-96.1/AM-590 and [www.kthoradio.com](http://www.kthoradio.com). The show airs Saturday at 10am and Monday at 6pm. In Tahoe, Booth Creek owns Sierra and

Northstar.

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# South Lake Tahoe furlough days

Beginning Dec. 4, many South Lake Tahoe offices will be closed the first and third Fridays.

These furlough days are designed to save the city money.

Public Works and Community Development offices on Tata Lane will be closed; plus the Administration, Finance and City Clerk offices at Lake Tahoe Airport.

City offices will also be closed Dec. 28-31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 4.