Truckee man arrested on stolen property charges

A Truckee resident was arrested Friday morning on possession of stolen property and resisting arrest charges.

Christopher Haring, 27, was spotted by officers about 10am Dec. 30. He is a suspect in several open burglary and theft investigations, according to officers.

An officer attempted to stop Haring, which led to a short foot pursuit through part of Truckee.. Haring was found hiding in the back yard of a residence in the Sierra Meadows neighborhood.

Haring was transported to the Nevada County Jail in Truckee.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Artie Smith – 1940-2011

South Lake Tahoe lost a dear friend on Christmas Day. Arta Ann (Larsen) Smith, better known as Artie, left this world on Dec. 25, 2011, after a long, courageous battle with heart disease and ultimately a brown recluse spider bite.

Born in Tremonton, Utah, on Oct. 16, 1940, to Myron Tanner Hansen and Arta Josephine (Larsen) Hansen, Artie was predeceased by her two older children, Suzanna Jo and Cynthia Lee. She is survived by her brother Brent Myron Hansen, son Steven Andrew Smith, and six grandsons.

Artie moved from the Bay Area to South Lake Tahoe in the early

1990s when she worked at the *Tahoe Daily Tribune* for nearly five years; later for many years through the Substitute, at Kingsbury Crossing, and at the Holiday Lodge.

She leaves dear family, countless friends and many co-workers who miss her friendly, out-going personality.

Community services are set for Jan. 6 at 11:30am at the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Center on Rufus Allen Boulevard, with internment to follow at Happy Homestead Cemetery.

Homes threatened by fire in Carson City

By Reno Gazette-Journal

Twenty homes are threatened by a fire on the east side of Carson City, but the wind is blowing the fire away from the homes, Sheriff Ken Furlong said.

“Nothing is in danger right now,” Furlong said. “They feel the homes are in good shape right now.”

The fire initially estimated to be 5 acres to 7 acres is burning in foothills on the east side of Carson City. It started near the Deer Run Road area of Carson City on the east side of the eollection of homes.

The Carson Fire Department responded first and was joined by several other agencies from the area.

Read the whole story

‘Tahoe Beneath the Surface: The Hidden Stories of America’s Largest Mountain Lake’

Scott Lankford, author of “Tahoe Beneath the Surface: The Hidden Stories of America’s Largest Mountain Lake”, speaks about his book on Feb. 15 from 6-7pm.

The event is at Explore Tahoe: An Urban Trailhead, 4114 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

A $5 donation is requested. A $5 flat rate is offered in the Heavenly Village Parking Garage after 4pm.

For more information, call (530) 542.4637.

‘Longboards to Olympics: A Century of Tahoe Winter Sports’

Mark McLaughlin, author of “Longboards to Olympics: A Century of Tahoe Winter Sports”, presents stories and photos of the men and women who made Tahoe a world class ski mecca.

The March 14 6-7pm event is part of the Explore Tahoe Winter

Lecture Series.

The event is at Explore Tahoe: An Urban Trailhead, 4114 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

A $5 donation is requested. A $5 flat rate is offered in the Heavenly Village Parking Garage after 4pm.

For more information, call (530) 542.4736.

‘Geology of the Tahoe Basin’

Scott Valentine, Earth science instructor at Lake Tahoe Community College, will talk about “Geology of the Tahoe Basin” a story of earthquakes, glaciers, volcanism and how Lake Tahoe was created on Feb. 29 from 6-7pm.

This is part of the Explore Tahoe Winter Lecture Series.

The event is at Explore Tahoe: An Urban Trailhead, 4114 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

A $5 donation is requested. A $5 flat rate is offered in the Heavenly Village parking garage after 4pm.

For more information, all (530) 542.4637.

Terrain park competition for

kids at Sugar Bowl

Sugar Bowl Resort has partnered with KidZone Museum to host four children’s terrain park competitions this season.

The first competition is Jan. 8 from 11am-noon in the Caboose Terrain Park. The competitions teach kids terrain park safety, and introduce them to a safe but competitive skiing/riding atmosphere, ultimately having fun while competing for great prizes.

Competition entry fee is $15 and participants receive half price lift tickets and a free barbecue voucher. Prizes for winners include Dynastar skis, a Flow snowboard, a Giro helmet, jackets from M3 and Vans and other prizes.

Registration for all competitions begins at 9am in the Judah Lodge. All kids 12 and under are welcome to compete and must wear a helmet.

Other competition dates are Feb. 12, March 18 and April 15.

More information on these events is posted online.

Orchard Supply Hardware store in Tahoe?

By David Goll, Silicon Valley-San Jose Business Journal

Stock in Orchard Supply Hardware Corp. will be distributed today to Sears Holdings Corp. shareholders as the venerable chain becomes independent once more.

Regular trading will begin Tuesday in the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock shares of Orchard, an 89-store retail hardware chain based in San Jose, which will be on the NASDAQ stock market under the “OSH” ticker symbol.

It comes on the heels of an announcement by Sears that it will close about 100 stores, partially as the result of a disappointing holiday shopping season. Officials of Sears, based in Hoffman Estates, Ill., announced the locations Thursday of 79 Sears and Kmart stores nationwide they plan to close. The only California stores on the closure list are three in Southern California.

Read the whole story

Liberty Energy rates expected to rise in early 2012

Liberty Energy customers, this includes all Lake Tahoe Basin customers in California, are likely to see their electric bills go up in February.



The company asked the state Public Utilities Commission for a 1.2 percent increase for all customers to essentially handle the increase in the cost of doing business.

“It covers more or less the cost of inflation of operations,” explained Jeanne Matthews, Liberty’s customer service billing manager.

Even though bills that came out in December said the rate increase would take effect Jan. 1, that is not going to happen because the CPUC has not approved the hike. Matthews said she expects the state board to OK the increase in January.

For a bill that is $90 for the month it will mean an increase of $1.08 per month.

This is better news than what Nevada Energy ratepayers in Southern Nevada got this week. On Jan. 1 their rates go up about 10 percent a month. The utility had sought a 24 percent increase.

– Kathryn Reed

History: S.S. Tahoe made substantial contribution to lake's maritime lore

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Her deep penetrating whistle could be heard for miles across the water, echoing against the surrounding mountains. Her arrival was the highlight of the day as she brought visitors, supplies, news, mail and, above all, excitement to each community at whose pier she stopped. She was a lifeline, a connecting link between Glenbrook and Carnelian Bay, Tahoe City and Tallac House, Brockway and Homewood. She was a

fixture, as much at home on the lake as the fish in the rivers or the trees on the nearby slopes.



She was not the only steamer on the lake. Before her launching in 1896, there had [been] two small steamers, Governor Blaisdel and Emerald, both launched in the 18060s. The larger Governor Stanford, Niagara, Tod Goodwin, and Meteor, all appeared in the 70s and 80s. They had carried passengers and mail, or they had been workboats, tugs and tow-boats, some fulfilled all three roles. All, except the Meteor were gone by 1896.

When the Tahoe came along, she caught the fancy of residents, guests, travelers, writers and photographers. She was almost twice the length of her predecessors. Her slim hull was as graceful as a deer. Her lavish mahogany, silken tassels and gleaming brass complements her glistening white hull. She was less than wonderful to ride in adverse weather because she rolled uncomfortably. Yet those who rode her often bragged about the experience for years.

She was as reliable as clockwork on her passage around the lake. She called at most of the communities starting for Tahoe Tavern on the west shore at 9:10 every morning and returning there at a predictable 5:00 p.m. She was delayed only once in her forty years of service when a clogged smoke stack prevented operation until repaired several hours later.

In her first quarter century, Captain E.J. Pomin, with a six man crew, guided her on her rounds, followed by Captain Edmund Hunkin for another decade and a half. Around 1910, her boilers were converted from wood to oil to increase her efficiency. Already her days were numbered.

The first automobile roads were being built up to and around the lake at this time making access easier, less expensive and more adventurous. Residents, businessmen and tourists could

travel around the lake without the expense or inconvenience of waiting for the steamer. When the Tahoe lost the mail contract to the Marion B, a forty-footer equipped with a gasoline engine, it spelled the end of the era of the steamboat.

The S.S. Tahoe lies today in her natural element, sixty fathoms down in the clear, cold water in the southeast part of the lake. She is still cherished by those who saw her, rode in her or worked on her. She is also remembered by those who wish they had been so privileged.