Storytime at South Tahoe library

Let’s Read Together Storytime is at the South Lake Tahoe branch library (1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.) on Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 at 11am.

This is for children ages 2-5 and their adults.

Origami class for youth

Learn to make easy, movable origami figures at the South Lake Tahoe branch library – 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

There are two classes Aug. 27 – 1-2pm and 2-3 pm. Come for one, stay for both.

Supplies will be provided. Must be at least in third grade.

South Tahoe book club meetings

The third Wednesday of each month Friends of the Library meet to discuss a wide variety of critically acclaimed books.

Each meeting is at 3pm in the library conference room at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

Aug. 17 – “Shanghai Girls” by Lisa See

Sept. 21 – :Saving Fish From Drowning” by Amy Tan

Oct. 19 – “Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand

Nov. 16 – “The Heretic’s Daughter” by Kathleen Kent.

Heavenly gives $20,000 in college scholarships

For the 10th year in a row, Heavenly Mountain Resort awarded five recent high school graduates with $4,000 to continue their college education.

The scholars are:

· Jessica Levine graduated from South Tahoe High School and plans to attend UC Santa Cruz. She received a Heavenly Employee Dependent Scholarship. She plans to major in psychology.

· Althia Torres-Monzalo graduated from Whittell High School and plans to attend UNR, majoring in photography.

· Tiffany Racz graduated from South Tahoe High School and plans to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She plans to major in environmental engineering.

· Sierra Bertolone-Smith graduated from Douglas High School and plans to attend Lewis and Clark College. She plans to major in biochemistry.

· Allyson Woods graduated from South Tahoe High School and plans to attend Cal Poly. She plans to major in business

administration and finance.

The Heavenly Mountain Resort Community Scholarship Program is part of Vail Resorts ECHO, Vail Resorts' social responsibility and environmental stewardship program. For charitable giving, the company focuses on local programs that assist youths and the environment, which are seen as the community's greatest assets for future growth and prosperity.

Chautauqua performance in Genoa

Nevada State Parks invites the public to attend a free Chautauqua-style presentation at Mormon Station State Historic Park on Aug. 20 at 10 am.

Doris Dwyer, professor of history at Western Nevada College, will give a portrayal of Sara Royce, one of the few female 49ers on the California Trail, who followed her husband and his dream of riches in California. Learn how Sara's commitment to a "traditional world" influenced her to open a school and educate the children of Grass Valley.

The outdoor presentation lasts about 45 minutes with time for questions afterward. Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs and a beverage. Dogs will not be allowed at the presentation.

Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa is 20 minutes from South Lake Tahoe, via state Kingsbury Grade and Foothill Road.

For more information, contact the park at (775) 782.2590.

Celebration of Education at STHS

Celebration of Education by the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation is Aug. 26 from 5-7pm South Tahoe High School. Tours of the Theater Arts & Design Academy will be given. This event is free and open to the public.

Protection against new drinking water standards

By Jeff McMahon, Forbes

Millions of Americans have been ingesting them for years—perchlorate, hexavalent chromium, volatile organic compounds—not because they're safe, but because they are among 6,000 toxins the EPA has not gotten around to regulating in municipal drinking water systems.

But after a change in administrations and a scathing review by the General Accounting Office, the EPA has begun to develop regulations to remove these chemicals from tap and bottled water—and industry has begun efforts to delay or prevent their implementation.

While government and industry wrestle over regulations, here are the prime suspects and the best ways to remove them from your water without government help:

Earlier this year the EPA reversed a Bush administration decision to leave perchlorate unregulated and to pursue perchlorate first in a new push for stricter drinking water regulations.

Read the whole story

Demolition begins start of park in South Tahoe

Often it's the quick demolition route developers will take to get rid of one project to build another. Materials are thrown in the trash with no consideration for their reuse potential. This is not the case with Edgewood Companies and the sustainable deconstruction effort at 1209 Bonanza Ave., the site of the former C&M Lodge.



"In November, we first initiated a recycling program at the C & M Lodge site by donating all the furniture and fixtures to several regional nonprofit organizations. On June 22, we continued our recycling effort with the physical removal of buildings that resulted in a significant amount of salvageable material made available for recycling," Brandon Hill, project manager for Edgewood Companies, said in a press release. "This is sustainable deconstruction versus pure demolition and landfill. In the end, we were able to recycle well over 50 percent of total material by weight."

Edgewood Companies is in the process of permitting a neighborhood park at the Bonanza site. In a partnership with South Lake Tahoe, the company will donate 1 acre to the city

for the new park.

Cocktail contest fundraiser

Barton Foundation’s annual Signature Cocktail Contest is Sept. 8 from 5:30-8pm at Riva Grill in South Lake Tahoe. Must be at least 21 to attend.

The contest is the kick off to the Festival of Trees and Lights which is the first weekend in December at MontBleu in Stateline. Both events benefit the expansion and renovation of Barton’s Community Clinic.

Taste specialty cocktails by local mixologists, heavy appetizers, music from Cool Black Kettle. Watch our local “celebrities” ham it up while they vote for “Best Cocktail,” and then cast your ballot for “Most Congenial Bartender.”

Tickets are $25 through Sept. 7 and $30 at the door. Purchase them online or call (530) 543.5614.

South Tahoe giving people a reason to visit New Year’s Eve

By Kathryn Reed

This New Year’s Eve there will be more to do on the South

Shore than standing around in the cold getting drunk at Stateline.

Lake Tahoe Community College board of trustees on Tuesday unanimously agreed to partner with South Lake Tahoe to bring Snowball Music Fest to the campus as well as the neighboring joint use ball field.

Nancy Kerry from the city gave an overview to the board Aug. 9 about a similar event put on by Chad Donnelly at Avon, near Vail. She was in Colorado to witness three stages filled with bands, a sea of people in their 20s not minding the cold or the fact it was snowing, and a town appreciative of the revenue it brought it. (Avon is at the base of Beaver Creek ski resort.)



South Lake Tahoe is importing a Colorado concert concept for New Year's Eve. Photo/LTN file

Trustees Molly Blann and Kerry David voiced the most concern about having such an event Dec. 31 when the area is already bustling and hotel rooms are scarce.

Kerry said that capturing a fraction of the crowd that assembles at Stateline with nothing to do would help ensure a

successful event. When events are not good the first year, they seldom see a return engagement.

“It has to come out of the shoot great,” she told the board.

While all the negotiations are not complete, another thing the city and LTCC like about the event is the promoter provides security and volunteers. Locals may be hired, but he takes care of that aspect.

A previous concern of the college’s was the sale of alcohol because that is not allowed on campus except under certain circumstances, which this does not apply. However, boozes can be sold and consumed at the ball field.

What LTCC President Kindred Murillo is concerned about is people wandering on campus.

It will be fenced off in some manner, Kerry said.

It is likely the phys ed building will be used as a green room for the bands. In Avon, the recreation center was used in that manner.

In Avon in its first year – which was 2011 – 8,600 tickets were sold. It’s estimated more than $2.6 million in sales were generated, with the average person spending abut $300.

Kerry said alcohol sales weren’t that much, with just one beer booth. How much hot cocoa was consumed was not revealed the other night.

She conveyed that businesses made out by staying open later to accommodate the hungry crowd.

The city is working on ski deals with Heavenly Mountain Resort, using the California lodge for parking, and working with the casinos. The city has also committed to providing shuttles for Snowball-goers.

Social media was the driving force for advertising and ticket sales in Avon, with the same expected for the South Lake Tahoe event.