# Fishing derby in Tahoe City

18th Annual Charity Fishing Derby & Raffle at Jake’s On the Lake in Tahoe City is June 5.

The largest mackinaw will net $1,000, with the largest brown at $500 and largest rainbow at $500. Fishing begins one hour before sunrise until noon.

Registration is $50/person and includes buffet breakfast, T-shirt and raffle.

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# Learn to write a graphic novel

Bona Fide Books in Meyers is offering a two-day class, An Organized Mess: Making Graphic Novels at its office in Meyers. Two three-hour sessions are June 25 and June 26 from 10am-1pm.

The cost is $69 for both sessions.

Instructor Jared Manninen is a graphic novelist and co-founder of Makoto Press. Manninen was an artist for years before publishing his first graphic novel, the recently released “Gruesome Tales to Tickle Your Terror Bone”.

Students will learn about the process of creating graphic novels. Through practical application and discussion, students will explore script writing, illustration, lettering, scanning, and printing. Other topics to be covered include contemporary comics history, self-publishing, and graphic novel resources.

The class is geared toward people who want to write and draw black and white books, but anyone who is interested in the medium is welcome.

Class size is limited, so early registration is recommended. Register for the class online at www.bonafidebooks.com/events or send an email to erin@bonafidebooks.

For more about Jared Manninen, go online.

Bona Fide Books is an independent press that seeks to connect readers with writers and build community. For general information, contact publisher Kim Wyatt at (530) 573.1513 or editor@bonafidebooks.com.

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# Dads needed to judge Truckee rib contest

The second annual Truckee RibFest needs your dad as an official rib judge. Kids, write Switchback PR saying why your dad deserves to be an official rib judge this Father’s Day.

One lucky father will get to sample each vendor’s ribs and will receive three additional Truckee Ribfest general admission tickets, a $60 value.

Submissions are due June 13 and should be no longer than one page. The winner will be announced June 16.

Writers can mail, drop off, or email their submissions to Switchback PR + Marketing, Inc. at 10075 West River St., Ste. 206, Truckee, CA 96161, or email ann@switchbackpr.com.

The second annual Truckee RibFest is June 19 from 1-6pm.

Festivities also include a beer garden, bounce house and free live music.

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# Prescribed fire planned for Upper Kingsbury Grade

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews will resume prescribed fire operations on Kingsbury Grade near North Benjamin on May 31.

Operations will continue through the week, weather and staff permitting.

Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke from prescribed fire project areas. Smoke management is part of every prescribed fire burn plan, and efforts will be taken to reduce actual or potential smoke impacts on community areas.

This and other prescribed fire projects are designed to reduce wildfire risks to communities and critical resources.

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# Tips to keep pets healthy in the garden

**By Bonney Brown**

This is a busy time of year for those of us who enjoy gardening. There are a few things you can do to keep your yard

and garden safe for your pets and wild animals, too.

Some lovely garden plants can be toxic to animals. If your pets tend to eat plants, see a full list of toxic plants on the Animal Poison Control Center's website.

Fertilizers can be attractive to some animals and can cause digestive upset or more serious problems. Careful storage and following of the instructions on the package for the appropriate waiting period after application will protect your pets. The same goes for insecticides and herbicides.

Nontoxic pest control, such as diatomaceous earth (food or garden grade – not the treated stuff for pools); Safer Insecticidal Soap; Sluggo Plus; and BT, or Bonide Bacillus Thuringiensis, are effective and a lot safer.

*Bonney Brown is executive director of the Nevada Humane Society.*

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# Corcoran brings message of hope to Women of Achievement event

**By Kara LaPoint, Reno Gazette-Journal**

When the Nevada Women's Fund honors 62 Northern Nevadans at its Salute to Women of Achievement luncheon June 13, Barbara Corcoran will address them as the event's keynote speaker.

What she will present them with is, in many ways, a message of

hope and possibility – peppered with some practical advice from her own journey to success.

“I’m going to talk about my 150 percent belief that perception creates reality when it comes to business,” she said.

Corcoran is a renowned real estate mogul who turned $1,000 into a multimillion-dollar real estate firm. She is the author of three books, including her most recent, “Shark Tales,” which details her inspiring story and provides advice for starting a business. But Corcoran is perhaps better known for her appearances as a frequent contributor on NBC’s “Today Show” and as a star of ABC’s reality show “Shark Tank.”

Corcoran said she will deliver a message she hopes will resonate with the audience of professional women.

“I’ve always believed people can learn more from stories than lectures,” Corcoran said. “People retain stories.”

Corcoran was one of 10 children who grew up in a two-bedroom apartment in New Jersey. She earned D’s in high school and college and held 20 jobs by the time she turned 23. But Corcoran had a powerful role model in her mother, she said, who gave her confidence. She also had determination – as well as some good fortune.

While working as a waitress, Corcoran met a boyfriend who would ultimately loan her $1,000 and suggest that she’d be good at selling real estate. Corcoran took the idea, and the loan, and dove in head-first to begin building the business she is known for today.

**Read the whole story**

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# Higher price for coffee beans hitting retail market

**By Dayton Business Journal**

J.M. Smucker Co. is again increasing the price of coffee it sells to retailers, citing the climbing cost of green coffee beans.

The Orville-based maker of Smucker’s jellies, Crisco shortening and Jif peanut butter said Tuesday it has hiked prices 11 percent on most of the coffees it supplies to merchants.

The coffee brands hit by the price increase include Millstone, Folgers and Dunkin’ Donuts.

J.M. Smucker is licensed to sell the Dunkin’ Donuts coffee to retailers such as supermarkets, so its price hike does not change coffee prices at the doughnut shop chain.

Smucker joins Starbucks Corp., Sara Lee Corp. and Kraft Foods in raising prices since last spring, all of the companies saying the hikes were tied to increases in raw coffee bean costs.

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# Nevada man recalls helping

# plan Vietnam POW rescue

**By Keith Rogers, Reno Gazette-Journal**

LAS VEGAS — When John Gargus helped plan the historic but unsuccessful raid to rescue U.S. prisoners of war from the infamous Son Tay compound in North Vietnam, radar-evading warplanes and stealth helicopters weren't among his options.

Forty-one years ago, aircraft that delivered Special Forces soldiers to reach their target deep behind enemy lines had to fly below the radar.

Equipment such as infrared imagery and night-vision goggles were only fledgling technologies. The first forward-looking infrared instruments were used on escort planes in the Son Tay raid.

"We had six night-vision goggles. We borrowed those from Fort Belvoir (Virginia), where they were under development. It was a top-secret project," said Gargus, a retired Air Force colonel who lives in Henderson and wrote a book about the Son Tay raid.

Gargus, 76, said he was amazed by the preparations that were made and technology that was used in the raid by Navy SEALs to kill al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in the early morning hours of May 2 at his walled compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

**Read the whole story**

# Hot August Nights puts it in gear for Lake Tahoe

Classic chrome polished cars, rock ‘n’ roll and Lake Tahoe will make for a Hot August Nights to remember, Aug. 6-9 at MontBleu in Stateline.

MontBleu will be the headquarters for show-n-shines, car exhibits, exclusive car auctions, cruises and an outdoor pavilion with food, beverages and great oldies music. Take in the sun with the top down, and then at night step inside MontBleu to unwind Tahoe-style, with music, dining and a host of shows, including Aaron Lewis Aug. 6 and KC & The Sunshine Band Aug. 7 in the MontBleu Theater.

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# Scientists track seldom seen Pacific fisher in Sierra

**By Erik Skindrud, Sacramento Bee**

OAKHURST – Deep in Sierra National Forest, field biologists Carrie O’Brien and Jodi Berg pushed their way up a mountainside.

There was no trail to follow, just GPS readings to guide them through incense-cedar branches and mats of mountain misery. After half an hour they reached their goal – a dead white fir tree.

This tree was special. Inside it, a mammal called a Pacific fisher was tending her young.

Experts want to know whether numbers are going up or down for the fisher, a member of the weasel family whose Latin name is Martes pennanti.

The forest dweller is a candidate for listing as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, and it’s been at the center of rhetorical and legal fights for decades over timber cutting in the Sierra.

**Read the whole story**