

Book exchange in Meyers

Bona Fide Books is having a Book Exchange on Sept. 25 from 10am-2pm.

Drop off the books you've already enjoyed and leave with the ones you'll love next.

Literary fiction, nonfiction, and curiosities welcome.

Coffee cake and serenades are part of the fun.

Bona Fide is at 1069 Magua St., No. 4, Meyers – behind the Getaway Café.

15th Annual Truckee River Day

The 15th Annual Truckee River Day is Oct. 17. The event will include a full day of restoration followed by a celebration fair.

Truckee River Day started in 1996 with only three weeks of planning. Four hundred volunteers came to lend a hand and completed 10 projects. Since that first year thousands of volunteers have participated in the restoration projects throughout the Truckee River Watershed. Each year the number of volunteers and completed projects has grown.

"The 15th anniversary of Truckee River Day marks the completion of over 100 restoration projects with the help of 5,000 volunteers," Lisa Wallace, executive director of the Truckee River Watershed Council, said in a press release. "Our volunteers pounded-in willow stakes, planted wild rose, built meadow boardwalks, placed fish gravel and spread pine needles.

Together we have done a lot of work, but there is still a lot to do – we need another 15.”

This year participants will have their choice of half day or full day projects followed by a celebration at the Truckee River Day Fair. The fair will include live music, food, educational and art activities, and the annual fish release.

To participate in this year’s festivities, visit the website or call (530) 550.8760.

Opening reception for Carole Cesko

An opening reception for artist Carole Sesko is slated for Sept. 23 from 4:30-6pm at Elijah Bleu’s House of Coffee & Good Eats in Truckee.

The Truckee artist said this collection of work was influenced by the coffee shop’s colorful, Cajun atmosphere. Sesko’s work includes figurative and abstract images.

Elijah Bleu’s is located at 10115 Donner Pass Road in Truckee.

For more information on Carole Sesko, visit www.carolesesko.com

Offenbacher talks about Pakistan climb

Todd Offenbacher, world-class climber and Resort Sports Network host, will be speaking at Sierra Nevada College Sept. 28 in the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, rooms 139/141, from 7-9pm.

Widely known for founding and hosting the Tahoe Adventure Film Festival, a high-energy event in its eighth season that showcases 10-minute clips from the best adventure sports films of the year, Offenbacher is also intensely devoted to rock climbing in some of the world's most remote and challenging terrain. This passion led the South Shore resident and three other climbers to a remote region of Pakistan to attempt a first ascent on the colossal, unclimbed granite face of Shingu Sharpa. The expedition was unsuccessful. Undeterred, the climbers journeyed back to the region, one year after a massive land slide had destroyed the nearby village of Kande.

Recipient of the Mugs Stump Award and the Lyman Spitzer Grant from the American Alpine Club, Offenbacher's presentation "A Return to Pakistan" recounts the tale of a climbing epic that includes a broken leg at 5,500 meters, natural disasters, Taliban road blocks, and a mountain culture based on religion, honor, and respect. Long before the world was introduced to the acclaimed book "Three Cups of Tea," Offenbacher and his fellow companions worked alongside Greg Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute offering aid to the people of Kande whose lives had been ruined by the natural disaster.

For more information on the presentation "A Return to Pakistan," contact Library Director Betts Markle at (775) 881.7511 or emarkle@sierranevada.edu.

‘The Way I See It’ movie premiere

The premiere of Matchstick Production’s “The Way I See It” is Oct. 2 at 8pm at the MontBleu theater in Stateline. Cost is \$15.

Oktoberfest at Squaw Valley

Squaw Valley is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration complete with a Bratwurst Toss, authentic German beer and plenty of entertainment. The 9th Annual Squaw Valley Oktoberfest will transform The Village at Squaw Valley into a miniature Bavaria on Oct. 2 from 2-6pm.

Modeled after the original Oktoberfest, a 16-day annual festival in Munich, Squaw Valley’s event is a day for the whole family. Guests gather for traditional German entertainment including performances by Joe Smiell and his 20-piece Bavarian band on the main stage. The Almenrauch Schuhplattler and Alpentanzer Schuhplattler Austrian Dance Troops also will entertain Oktoberfest visitors.

Event attendees may participate in games and compete for prizes. Festival-goers compete in Stein Holding, plus Keg and Barrel-Rolling Races.

Guests are encouraged to get into the spirit of the event by wearing traditional Lederhosen and Austrian clothing.

Beer lovers can toast each other in the Biergarten, where they'll find a wide selection of authentic German brews including Gordon Biersch, Spaten Premium lager, Spaten Oktoberfest, Trumer Pilsner, and Franziskaner Hefeweizen. The first glass of beer is \$10, which includes a half-liter festival glass and one beer. Additional beer tickets will be available for \$5.

Guests also can savor traditional German bratwurst with sauerkraut and a variety of other items served at the eight Village restaurants, including a root beer float station.

The Village at Squaw Valley's Oktoberfest celebration and entertainment are free, but proceeds from beer sales benefit the Tahoe Truckee Lacrosse Foundation.

For more information, visit [here](#) or call (530) 584.6266.

Workshop on modernizing business PCs

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce is hosting a computer demonstration as part of their Chamber Education series titled "Learn How to Modernize Your Business PCs" Sept. 21 from 8:30-10am at Granlibakken Resort, 725 Granlibakken Road, in Tahoe City.

The demonstration is a firsthand look, along with a live demonstration, of Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7 and will focus on how these programs can assist a business.

Ron Baker of JFG Systems, who is a Microsoft-certified gold partner and a SonicWall certified gold partner, will provide

the demonstration.

All attendees will receive certificates that allow them to register for complimentary online software training when they purchase Office 2010 and/or Windows 7.

Registration is \$20 for North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce members and \$30 for non-members and includes Granlibakken's buffet breakfast. Seating is limited.

To register and for more information about the workshop, call North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Manger Kym Fabel at (530) 581.8764 or download a registration form at www.NorthLakeTahoeChamber.com, click on Programs and Documents.

DURGA drum show at MontBleu

Liz Broscoe's DURGA – a journey on the drum from ancient times to modern day – is Oct. 8 at 7pm at MontBleu in Stateline.

It is sponsored by Tahoe Arts Project.

Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children and seniors.

For more information, call (530) 542.3632.

Nevada concealed weapons

meeting

The Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association annual Nevada Carry Concealed Weapon Permit Holders Forum is Sept. 30 from 9am-noon in Carson City.

Douglas County Undersheriff Paul Howell, Julie Butler of the Division of Records and Technology, and Frank Adams, executive director of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, will moderate the panel.

The meeting will also be broadcast on the Nevada Legislature's website.

The event is at the Nevada Legislature Building (401 S Carson St.), Room 1214.

Golf course-Truckee River talk

On Sept. 30 Kathy Strain, an instructor at Lake Tahoe Community College and a consultant with the California State Parks, will speak about the issue concerning the Upper Truckee River, its effect on Lake Tahoe Golf Course and what the proposals are to address this issue.

Soroptimist International Tahoe Sierra meet at 7:30am at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center.