Entrepreneurship in Truckee subject of meeting

Empowering the Next Economy: Advancing Entrepreneurship in Truckee is the topic of a Jan. 14 meeting.

The Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce it putting on the 7-8:30am event at the Truckee Tahoe Airport.

Eric Brown with Castle Peak Ventures and Megan Michelson with Tahoe Mill Collective are the speakers. Steve Frisch with Sierra Business Council will moderate.

Cost is $8 for chamber members, $10 for the public.

For more info, call (530) 587.2757.

Free snow removal for active military families

For the third winter, Alpine Smith of South Lake Tahoe is providing free snow removal services for military families with a spouse or family member currently deployed in the Armed Forces.

SnowCare for Troops is a national program underwritten by The Boss Snowplow.

Register for the SnowCare for Troops program by calling (530) 541.0250 or emailing info@alpinesmith.com.

The community may get involved by loaning snow removal equipment to volunteers or groups, and donating money,

transportation or gas cards to offset snow removal and maintenance costs.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Paul Middlebrook has left KTHO radio and is now employed by KRLT.

• This is a powerful (albeit incredibly long) story about the rising incidence of brain injury in athletes such as skiers and mountain bikers.

• Ty Cobb's hunting and fishing retreat at Lake Tahoe has an asking pricing of $6.5 million.

• The January-February issue of *Via* magazine has a blurb about the Nevada Museum of Art, including a picture of a Phyllis Shafer painting. Shafer runs the art department at Lake Tahoe Community College.

• This video is from South Tahoe High School's VTV. In part it talks about the drug Molly:

Then and now: Train travel into the basin



Trains used to come from Truckee to Tahoe City. Photo/Lake Tahoe Master Framing



The old railroad line is now a bike path. Photo/Google Earth

The black and white photo is hand-captioned “Engine #2 Along the Truckee River 1911.” Southern Pacific replaced the original narrow-gauge rails with standard gauge in 1926.

Those rails were removed permanently in 1942 for scrap iron

needed during World War II.

The color photo shows today's bicycle path on that historic rail bed, running along Highway 89 near Tahoe City.





The two (blurry) sepia tone images are single movie frames from a 16mm travelogue filmed in 1930 (Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum). The train would loop near Tahoe Tavern, meet the steamers Tahoe and Nevada on a pier at Tahoe City, and then make the 1-hour, 15-minute return trip to Truckee.

– Bill Kingman

Truckee discussing raising sales tax

Truckee officials are considering raising the sales tax by one-quarter cent. The money would be used to construct and maintain trails.

There will be a town hall meeting Jan. 7 at 5:30pm at Truckee Town Hall.

Officials would like to put the question to voters on the June

ballot.

The town council will discuss the issue at the Jan. 14 meeting.

For more info, contact Becky Bucar at (530) 582.2932 or bbucar@townoftruckee.com.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The January issue of *Travel + Leisure* magazine has a story about Lake Tahoe ski resorts.

• Steve Robinson, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources rep on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board, attended his last meeting Dec. 18. His replacement has not been named.

• Rachael Woods is now senior manager of communications at Northstar.

• The International Association of Firefighters Association Local No. 2139 North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District recently purchased pet oxygen masks. These specially designed masks can be used on conscious pets suffering from smoke inhalation and pets that need to be resuscitated after losing consciousness from exposure to toxic fumes.

• Truckee Transit has a new number – (530) 550.7451.

Resume writing subject of workshop

Tahoe Regional Young Professionals' is putting on a workshop Jan. 15 titled New Year, New Resume.

TRYP member Megan Arneson, a business coach and strategist, will talk about what to put on a resume and how to structure it.

The event is from 5:30-6:30pm at Blue Angel Cafe, 1132 Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe. It is free to TRYP members, $10 for others.

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• The Tahoe Rim Trail Association is planning a series of snowshoe excursions this winter. More info is online.

• Sugar Bowl signed a 25-year lease with the Truckee Donner Land Trust to operate Royal Gorge.

• People may ski or ride for free with Jonny Moseley at Squaw Valley on Dec. 28 and Dec. 30 from 10am-noon and at Alpine

from 2-4pm. Squaw tours will meet at the Gold Coast Demo Center. Tours at Alpine Meadows will meet at the bottom of Summit Express.

• Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority is asking tourists to take a survey about paid parking.

• This is the inaugural year for Squaw to shoot off fireworks on New Year's Eve. They will light up the sky at 7pm, right after the 6:30pm torchlight parade.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Roberta Mason is now president of Lake Tahoe Community College's board of education.

• Former Lake Tahoe Unified School District Superintendent Rich Fischer has been appointed to fill the seat on the El Dorado County board of education that was vacated by Gene Rasmussen.

• Robert Silk is Barton Health's newest radiologist.

• Lake Tahoe is at its lowest level in three years, but still 9 inches above the natural rim.

• California State Controller John Chiang has updated the public employee compensation website with wage and benefit data for California city and county employees that covers

2012. The site has maps, search functions and custom report-building tools.

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• The Emergency Medical Services Agency and Public Health Preparedness program of the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency have moved to 2900 Fair Lane Court in Placerville. The move is expected to save the $40,000 per year in lease costs. Phone numbers will remain the same.

• Here is the Caltrans roadwork schedule for this week for El Dorado-Tahoe.

• The 86-year-old Spindleshanks building in Tahoe Vista is expected to be razed next year and be replaced with 39 timeshare units.

• Chas Guldemond, who rides for Northstar, is interviewed at the Dew Tour:

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