

Grant helps Washoe County deputies fight cyber crimes

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has received a \$35,000 award from the FBI to cover overtime costs related to the sheriff's Cyber Crimes Unit and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The FBI award enhances the ability of detectives to timely investigate crimes against children on the Internet.

For more information about cyber security, the Sheriff's Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, and tips that help keep children safe while on the Internet, go online.

Fundraiser helps potential Paralympians train in Tahoe

Divided Sky in Meyers is hosting a fundraiser for Tahoe Adaptive Competition Center on Jan. 12.

The money raised will help subsidize the three-day rider camp at the end of the month at Sierra-at-Tahoe. The snowboarders are from the U.S. and other countries who have hopes of making it to the 2014 Paralympics Games in Sochi, Russia.

The event starts at 7pm.

A disc jockey will provide music and merchandise will be for sale. There is not cost to be part of the fun, but donations are accepted and raffle tickets will be sold.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- El Dorado Winery Association's Passport weekends are April 13-14 and April 20-21. For tickets, go online. They are \$70 per weekend or \$40 Sunday only.
 - Backcountry gates between Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are open on a pilot program basis in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service.
 - January is California Restaurant Month. Well, Tahoe-Truckee eateries, where are the deals like other cities are offering?
 - The Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan project applicant has submitted a revised specific plan and phase 1 project description, which are available for review online.
 - Smokehouse 360 at Sierra-at-Tahoe is mentioned in the February issue of *Ski* magazine as "arguably the best barbecue in Tahoe." The same issue says the KT Base Bar at Squaw Valley is one of the best "beach" aka sunny deck spots at a resort.
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Squaw giving tour of Olympic sites

Learn about Squaw Valley's past, including its Olympic history on Jan. 20 at noon.

Local Olympic historian David Antonucci will lead a walking tour of the 1960 Winter Olympics site in Squaw Valley as part of the 2013 North Lake Tahoe Olympic Heritage Celebration.

A few of the sites are the Olympic Village Lodge (athlete's housing), California and Nevada Welcome Centers, as well as race courses, the site of Blyth Arena, ski jump hill remnants, IBM computer building, media center, and other historic sites.

The event is free. Meet at the information kiosk in front of the tram.

Swiss Chalet restaurant staying closed for now



The iconic Swiss Chalet restaurant will remain closed for several more months.

When reached last fall, owner Peter Baumann told *Lake Tahoe News* the South Lake Tahoe restaurant would reopen Dec. 12. That didn't happen. On Jan. 7, he told *LTN* it will open in the summer.

He said personal reasons are keeping the restaurant closed.

While there is a for sale sign on the property, Baumann said it is for the center. Asked if the restaurant is for sale, he said, "I can't disclose that right now."

The center has been on the market since last spring.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Last call to participate in 'Vagina Monologues'

VDAY Tahoe still has parts to fill for actresses, as well as volunteers (female or male).

Anyone interested in being involved in the 2013 South Lake Tahoe Production of Eve Ensler's award winning play "The Vagina Monologues" should attend the Jan. 7 6:30pm first informational meeting and reading for the "Vagina Monologues" at Unity of the Lake, 1195 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

Rehearsals will be Monday evenings and the performances are Feb. 22-23at the Blue Angel Cafe.

For more info, call Vickie at (530) 577.6222 or email thelarkesr@hotmail.com.

Clearing gas meters of snow keeps homes safe

As we have seen in recent years, large amounts of snow can be potentially dangerous if we do not take certain precautions.



The fire department would like to encourage all South Lake Tahoe residents to clear snow away from natural gas meters and propane regulators in the event they become buried.

You can avoid a deadly catastrophe by clearly marking all gas meters and regulators and maintaining their access during periods of large snow accumulations.

Thanks for helping keep our community fire safe.

– Sallie Ross-Filgo, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

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- South Lake Tahoe Rec Center is offering Zumba classes.

- Peter Bostic is Lake Tahoe Community College's director of College Advancement and Community Engagement.
 - If you haven't seen enough SnowGlobe photos, check out this Facebook page. Ben Fong, who was shooting for *Lake Tahoe News*, has lots more than what was posted on the news site.
 - Carson Valley Inn's 27th Annual Clay Shooting Outing is Feb. 21-25.
 - Placer County Water Agency employees will be receiving a 1.5 percent wage bonus. Officials say it won't affect water rates.
 - Vail Resorts CEO Rob Katz will ring the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 7 remotely from the base of Vail ski resort.
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Tahoe mountain guide to talk about international adventures

Alpenglow Sports' third installment of the annual Winter Film Series on Jan. 17 features local mountain guide Adrian Ballinger talking about skiing 8,000-meter peaks in the Himalaya.

Find out what happens when you combine a Russian who lives in Chamonix with a Brit who lives in Squaw Valley attempt to ski the fifth and eighth tallest mountains in the world.

The Alpenglow Winter Film Series is free and is designed to

motivate, inspire, and educate.

The event is at Squaw Valley's Olympic Village Lodge at 7pm.

Chamber mixer benefits 2 South Shore food banks

For the past five years, it has been a holiday tradition for the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce to give back with a Business After Hours Mixer.

Every holiday season the chamber hosts its Holiday Mixer to give back to those less fortunate in the community. This year's event is Jan. 10 from 5:30-8:30pm at Riva Grill in South Lake Tahoe. Beneficiaries are Christmas Cheer and Bread & Broth. Bring canned and non-perishable food items to donate. For each item you bring, you will earn extra raffle tickets. Event proceeds will be split between the two food banks.

Tickets are only \$10 for members or \$20 for prospective members, and include food prepared by Riva Grill, one drink and raffle tickets.

For more information, call Emily Abernathy at (775) 588.1728, ext. 303.