

Fantasy writers to gather in Meyers

Bona Fide Books is hosting Lake Tahoe's first local fantasy writers social Feb. 16 at 6:30pm at Bona Fide HQ, 1069 Magua St., No. 4 in Meyers.

Writers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. Discuss your latest work or ideas for new projects with others who work in this genre.

For more information, call (530) 573.1513 or go online.

Fingerprinting for children on West Slope

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office S.T.A.R. volunteers will soon begin providing fingerprint service for children in accordance with the National Child Safety Council's Young People Prints.

This service will be provided free of charge at the Sheriff's Town Center Substation in El Dorado Hills to children under the age of 18. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child.

To ensure prompt service, call (530) 642.4728.

South Tahoe bringing neighbors together

If you live, own or work at a business in Stateline residential, Lakeside Park, Heavenly Valley, Tahoe Meadows or Bijou Park, the city of South Lake Tahoe is having a neighborhood service team meeting Feb. 21 from 2:30-4:30pm.

It will be at the Best Western Station House in the conference room, 901 Park Ave.

The flyer has more meeting information.

Credit union giving \$10,000 in college scholarships

Ten students who live or attend school in El Dorado, Amador, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, or Solano counties will receive a \$1,000 scholarship this spring from SAFE Credit Union.

Grade point average, financial need, community involvement, letters of recommendation and a personal statement will be judged.

Call (916) 979.7233 for a packet. The deadline to apply is March 12.

Environmental writer to speak at LTCC

Lake Tahoe Community College is hosting a reading, conversation, and book signing with environmental novelist Li Miao Lovett at 7pm Feb. 9 in the college's Aspen Room.

Lovett is a San Francisco-based author of "In the Lap of the Gods", a novel about the displacement of millions along China's Yangtze River.

The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.

This event was made possible by Poets and Writers Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

Homewood water quality project under review

The Placer County Department of Public Works is soliciting public comments on the Homewood Water Quality Improvement Project. The public comment period ends Feb. 18.

Comments may be sent the Department of Public Works, 7717 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143, or emailed to kmcgahan@placer.ca.gov.

There will be a public meeting on the document on Feb. 10 at 7pm at the Placer County Department of Public Works Kings Beach Conference Room.

Construction is expected to begin in late summer. The project area generally includes the neighborhood streets between Cherry and Silver, west of Highway 89 along the West Shore, north of the Homewood Mountain Resort Lodge.

More information is available on the county's website.

Habitat for Humanity looking to help rehab S. Tahoe homes

Are you or someone you know struggling to maintain the exterior of your home? Habitat for Humanity is working in South Lake Tahoe with a nationwide program called A Brush With Kindness.

Volunteers are the heart of the program that has already helped four homeowners in South Tahoe and plans to help more.

Applicants must own and occupy their home, and show need of help. The application process takes one to three months, so we are looking toward spring and summer to begin new projects.

For more information call Carolyn at (530) 541.4654 or email sltahoehabitat@gmail.com.

Douglas County talking about economic vitality

Douglas County Board of Commissioners on Feb. 10 will get an update on progress made in the implementation of the county's Economic Vitality Strategy and Action Plan.

Seventeen months has passed since the county put the plan into action to implement 12 projects focused on revitalizing historic downtowns, capitalizing on outdoor recreation amenities, and strengthening education and workforce.

The public is invited to the 3pm meeting in the Valley Ballroom at the Carson Valley Inn, 1627 Highway 395 North, Minden.

Future North Shore courthouse being discussed

The current status of the proposed North Tahoe courthouse, currently in site acquisition, will be discussed at the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council meeting Feb. 9 at 6pm.

The Administrative Office of the Courts, in partnership with the Superior Court of Placer County, will present project information, including the proposed site and status of environmental reviews.

The meeting is at the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room, 221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City.

The proposed project would replace the current Tahoe City

courthouse, which is severely undersized and overcrowded and has numerous deficiencies in security, access, efficiency, and accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The proposed new single-courtroom building would provide adequate space for criminal, civil, traffic, and family law proceedings for Tahoe area residents, as well as self-help services and improvements in court security and court operations.

The project is ranked as an “immediate need” in the judicial branch’s capital-outlay plan, making it among the branch’s highest-priority infrastructure projects. It is among 39 projects funded by Senate Bill 1407 that was passed in 2008, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, without impact on the state’s general fund.

More information is available online.

Library offers help with digital devices

The South Lake Tahoe Branch library is hosting free individual training sessions for many popular digital devices, including laptops, tablets, iPads, Kindles and Nooks.

Each sessions is 30 minutes between 10am and 4pm on Feb. 11 and Feb. 25.

Call (530) 573.3185 for more information or to register for an appointment.

The library is located at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd. in South Lake

Tahoe.