

Pile burning set for South Shore locations

California State Parks, Lake Valley, North Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Douglas fire protection districts and the U.S. Forest Service are scheduled to conduct prescribed fire operations.

Weather permitting, operations are scheduled to take place at D.L. Bliss State Park, the west side of Incline Village and west of the First Creek drainage, upper and lower Kingsbury Grade, off Pioneer Trail near Marshall Trail and Powerline Road, north of Lake Tahoe Airport and south of Christmas Valley.

Fall and winter bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which favor prescribed burning.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions.

Nevada to mull regulating antler collecting

By Ben Botkin, Las Vegas Review Journal

Hunters scour the Nevada wild, looking for fresh antlers that deer and elk have outgrown and shed.

The activity attracts everyone from hobbyists to commercial collectors hoping to discover a complete pair of elk antlers, which can sell for about \$14 a pound.

“It’s like the world’s biggest Easter egg hunt,” said Tyler Turnipseed, Nevada’s chief game warden.

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Invention lets skiers wear snowboard boots

By Sawyer D’Argonne, Denver Post

Hate ski boots? You’re not alone.

A new company called Envy Snow Sports is about to roll out a line of ski frames, which allow skiers to strap into their bindings while wearing snowboard boots.

After four years of development, the Envy Ski Frame will finally be available this winter.

The frame will fit any of the top manufactured snowboard boots, and can then snap into existing bindings on alpine skis, according to Chris Schroeder, co-founder of Envy Snow Sports.

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Guided hike through Van

Sickle Park

Tahoe Rim Trail Association is giving people an alternative to Black Friday shopping by offering a family-friendly guided hike through Van Sickle Bi-State Park.

TRTA guides will lead the trek, passing through a regenerating, wildfire burn zone on the way up to panoramic vistas of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra and Carson mountain ranges.

Along the way hikers will encounter the famous “Mailman of the Sierra” aka Norwegian-American John “Snowshoe” Thompson. It’s 1871 and historical character re-enactor Steve Hale of Comstock Characters will join the hike as “Snowshoe” and describe what it’s like to carry the 60-100 pounds of U.S. mail 90-miles each way over the snowy Sierra between Genoa and Placerville.

The hike on Nov. 24 will be from 10am-1pm. It’s about 2.5 miles, with 800 feet of elevation gain.

It is free, but registration is required. Do so **online**.

Seasonal forecasts unreliable indicators



Long term forecasts are not all that reliable, according to experts. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

By Benjamin Spillman, Reno Gazette-Journal

Skiers and snowboarders struggling with the decision to buy a season pass or book a destination shouldn't expect much help from seasonal weather forecasts.

That's because forecasts that lay odds on temperature and precipitation months in advance are notoriously unreliable.

Just look back to November of 2016 when the forecast map for December through February, the heart of the ski season, showed "EC" over much of California and Nevada, representing an equal chance for greater-than-normal or less-than-normal precipitation.

"Another way you could put that is equally clueless," said Chris Smallcomb, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Reno.

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Tahoe's original 18-hole golf course to be sold

By Terra Breeden

MEYERS – The Tahoe Paradise Golf Course in Meyers is the first 18-hole golf course in the Lake Tahoe Basin and now, the historic property is up for sale.

The property is listed for an asking price of \$8 million. If sold, the golf course will close, ending its legacy, and the 50-acres of pristine land and forest may be appropriated for a different use.

Bruce Beeman opened the Tahoe Paradise Golf Course in 1960. At that time the town of Meyers was little more than an outpost and the only other businesses in the vicinity were an old gas station and a dusty horse stable across the street on Highway 50.

Beeman, a farmer from Woodland, wanted to get out of agriculture and do something different. His passion was golfing and even though there was little evidence to suggest that Tahoe would become a popular golfing destination, Beeman decided to invest in the 50 acres of untouched land in Meyers.

“There was nothing here, it was barren,” Beeman’s granddaughter Dawn Steimer told *Lake Tahoe News*. “Everyone thought he was crazy to open a golf course here but he just did it.”



Tahoe Paradise Golf Course is on the market after being in the same family since 1960. Photo/Terra Breeden

Tahoe Paradise Golf Course is a family-owned business and Steimer grew up in the family golfing tradition. One of her earliest memories is learning to golf in the junior golf program at the course. Over the years, the sport changed, evolving from a leisure pastime for the wealthy to a popular summer activity for people from all walks of life.

“This is where I spent my summers as a kid,” Steimer says. “But it wasn’t until Tiger Woods came out that it became cool to golf.”

Tahoe Paradise Golf Course enjoyed several decades of success. Famous figures like Clint Eastwood played there and the sprawling course became the first location of an informal celebrity golf championship.

“There weren’t any other golf courses in Tahoe, so celebrities would come here and have tournaments,” Cinda Beeman, daughter of Bruce Beeman and co-owner of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course, said.

The Beemans planned to keep the business in the family and

pass down the property to the younger generation. However, when the recession hit in 2006, the bustling golf course became a ghost town.

Since then, Tahoe Paradise Golf Course has regained some momentum, but still, the golfing business has been slow to recover.

“Golf has changed. The economy isn’t great and people don’t spend money on golf when they don’t have extra money,” Steimer says. “Now there are all these big golf courses right off the hill for less money so people go there instead and it hurts us.”

The property has been on the market now for two years. Potential buyers can use the land for golf or for other recreational activities. A snowmobiling operation leases the property from the Beemans in the winter.

However, those thinking to purchase the property will have to look at zoning for land use. Currently, the property is listed under forest resource Zoning, but when the new Meyers Area Plan goes into effect, the Tahoe Paradise land will be changed to recreational zoning.

The Meyers Area Plan, according to El Dorado County principle planner Brendan Ferry, will rezone 137 acres of wild areas in Meyers like Lake Baron, the Truckee River area and the Tahoe Paradise Golf Course to become strictly recreational. This means there will be no housing development or commercial building allowed on the property, but the land will be open to all sorts of recreational opportunities.

“The zoning will change, but there’s a lot of things that can be done with this land,” Ferry told *Lake Tahoe News*. “The district allows for many different types of uses under recreational zoning. I’d like to see the Meyers community drive what goes on the property, but my job is to set the framework for the site.”

In the meantime, Tahoe Paradise Golf Course is closed for the season but those interested in the property may contact Coldwell Banker McKinney and Associates at 530.542.5555.

Study: You can exercise too much

By Josh Magness, Sacramento Bee

Let's face it – at some time or another, we've all felt guilty about not going to the gym enough.

But according to a new study from Mayo Clinic Proceedings, those who go to the gym and exercise around 8 hours a week or more should rethink how much they work out, too.

Conducted by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Kaiser Permanente, the study found that those who work out more than three times the recommended amount a week are much more likely to develop heart disease than those who work out a moderate amount.

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Bode Miller returning to

Olympics – as announcer

By Associated Press

Bode Miller is heading back to the Olympics. This time, he'll be calling the action from the TV booth.

The six-time Olympic medalist, and only American to compete in Alpine skiing at five Winter Games, will work for NBC as an analyst alongside Dan Hicks at the PyeongChang Games next February.

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Snowshoe tours to include star gazing

Tahoe Adventure Company and Tony Berendsen, who writes the Star Guide column for *Lake Tahoe News*, are pairing up this winter for the telescopic tours of the midnight sky.

It all starts with guided sunset snowshoeing, followed by a tour of the midnight sky.

Dates are:

Dec. 16: Extraterrestrials

Jan. 6: Our place in the cosmos

Feb. 18: The sun's lost siblings

March 9: Stellar nurseries.

Typical distance is one to three miles, with tours usually between 5-9pm. Difficulty is easy to moderate, and appropriate

for ages 8 and older.

Cost is \$85 per person. This includes snowshoes, trekking poles, guides, permit fees, hot drinks, and snacks. Go **online** to book a spot.

Placer County a talent pool for football stars

By Joe Davidson, Sacramento Bee

What's going on in Placer County with all of the football talent sprouting across the country?

Offense, defense and special teams, they are everywhere, be it the NFL, the Pacific-12 Conference, the Mountain West, the Big Sky or small programs.

Leading the rampaging charge is Eddie Vanderdoes, the pride of Placer High School. The Raiders' third-round pick has started every game at defensive tackle for Oakland this season.

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