



NEIGHBORHOODS & VOICES

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TODAY

A quick look at useful, fun or unique things happening today in our neighborhoods.

■ SOUTHEAST RENO

LIBRARY FRIENDS BOOK SALE OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Friends of Washoe County Library Book Sale is open to the public at 10 a.m. at the Book Warehouse, 125 Gentry Way, unit B. Admission is free. Details: 747-1212 or 327-8360.

■ SOUTH SUBURBAN

JUNIOR RANGER SERIES FOR KIDS AGE 6 TO 12

Galena Creek Regional Park's Junior Ranger series for children ages 6 to 12 is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the park's Stone House Interpretive Center, 18350 Mount Rose Highway, with Washoe County Park Ranger Darrell Baldwin. Today's topic is wilderness preparedness. Free. Details: 849-2511.

■ SOUTHWEST RENO

'AMERICAN GRAFFITI' ACTORS AT PEPPERMILL

Party with actors Candy Clark and Bo Hopkins from the 1973 movie "American Graffiti" at 2 p.m. at the Peppermill Resort Casino, 2707 S. Virginia St. Clark played the role of Debbie "Deb" Dunham, and Hopkins was Joe Young. Free. Details: 356-1956 or 826-2121.

■ STREET BEAT

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Victorian Avenue between Pyramid Way and 15th Street in Sparks will be closed all day, from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., for Hot August Nights.

NEED MORE?

Tune into Newstalk 780 KOH for live updates at the top of every hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUG. 23

Check out "Cheetah Challenge Adventure" at 4 p.m. Aug. 23. Must be age 10 or older. Tickets are \$150 per person, and proceeds benefit Animal Ark, the 38-acre wildlife sanctuary at 1265 Deerlodge Road. Details: 1-775-970-3111 ("1" required when dialing) or visit www.animalark.org

TODAY IN HISTORY

FROM THE NEVADA STATE JOURNAL: AUG. 9, 1918

Godspeed to the latest contingent of Nevada boys to leave for the training camp preparatory to service at the front, and a grand celebration of the victories of the Americans and allies drew a record crowd to the Southern Pacific depot and to Virginia Street, where patriotic exercises were held and frolic reigned until a late hour. It was an enthusiastic and demonstrative crowd.

Team offers crisis training

FAITH

Chaplains provide comfort in disaster zones

STAFF REPORT

They ministered at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University after students were killed. They worked in Myanmar and New Orleans after forces of nature devastated hundreds of thousands.

More than 40 times during the past six years, amid bloodshed, lost homes and shat-

tered lives brought about by various kinds of tragedies, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team has been on the scene to offer comfort.

On Friday and Aug. 16, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team of chaplains will come to Sparks. The organization's goal is "to train local Christians to appropriately respond with the love and hope of Jesus Christ in

times of crisis."

Dr. Jonathan Olford, a psychologist from Fresno, Calif., will lead the training, along with the Rev. Mike Beresford of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team.

Olford has been leading the team's trainings for seven years. The founder of

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Les Palmer, right, a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplain, comforts a victim of the 2007 wildfires in Southern California.

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■ SOUTH SUBURBAN

HORSE THERAPY

Children 'play games' with horses

BY JESSICA ESTEPA
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When Robbie Maus took a step toward Bella, the horse automatically stepped away. To the average eye, the mustang looks like it's trying to avoid Maus. But it's all part of a game to build trust between human and animal.

It's a game that Maus uses in Horses for the Spirit, the equine-assisted learning youth program she began three and a half years ago.

The program serves children from all kinds of backgrounds, but many of the participants have been referred from agencies that help troubled youth.

Some of the kids come in ready to "take the horses on," Maus said. Others are scared of the horses and don't want to go near them.

But in the end, they all change in some way.

The program is based on a ranch near Lemmon Valley and aims to teach teenagers life skills, such as teamwork,

GET INVOLVED

The program is free for teens and also looks for volunteers to help assist the teachers.

To contact the Horses for the Spirit program, call 848-6341 or e-mail info@horsesforthespirit.org



Robbie Maus is nuzzled by her horse, Bella, on Thursday.

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cooperation and responsibility — all the while using horses as partners for the teens.

The Parelli method

The program, which typically runs for 10 weeks, combines the Parelli method, which allows the teens to play "games" with the horses, with classroom instruction and homework.

Some of the games the teens play with the horses include walking along with it, getting it to stop at the same time and walking sideways.

While it may appear simple, the teens soon find that it takes a lot of effort and respect

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PROVIDED BY HORSES FOR THE SPIRIT PROGRAM

A program participant plays a trust game with Bella.

■ SPARKS/SPANISH SPRINGS



HANDOUT

Alexa Krmpotic of Sparks was featured inside the August/September issue of Discovery Girls.

Magazine puts local girl in spotlight

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When Alexa Krmpotic filled out a survey for Discovery Girls Magazine last November, she didn't think much of it. She asked for her parents' permission, then answered questions about her interests and her coolest qualities.

The Sparks resident then got on with her life, getting wrapped up in school and forgetting she'd ever filled the survey out.

But in December, Krmpotic got a phone call telling her some unexpected news: She'd been chosen as one of 12 girls who would be featured in the magazine.

She can be seen inside the August/September issue

SEE MAGAZINE ON 4E

TODAY'S READER PHOTO

"My children found him as a caterpillar in the backyard," a reader wrote. "We kept him for three and a half weeks until early Sunday morning, he morphed into this beautiful creature."

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TODAY IN VOICES

■ OUR VOICE, 6E

Somerset SuperBOWL Sundae benefits VSA arts

Residents, staff and volunteers raised funds to help make arts opportunities available for everyone.

■ ANOTHER VOICE, 6E

Former gov. dreams of recapturing office

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown says that being governor "is an impossible task and anyone will leave discredited," but he is a pessimist of the intellect but an optimist of the will.

■ PLUS

Hot Topic: Energy policy



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