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Sheriff's Office offers crisis training

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More than two dozen area safety and protection officials gained understanding of how to better handle crisis situations by completing Douglas County Sheriff Office's first crisis

intervention training.

The week-long class, which wrapped up Friday, focused on mental and cognitive health issues such as suicide, prosecution of those who are mentally ill and intellectually disabled, and understanding dementia.

"If you understand it, you can

deal with it better," said Sgt. Amy Savage. "Mental health is only a growing problem and we have to have a better solution."

Previously Douglas officials have attended training in other counties, Savage said. The intent is to offer crisis training annually in the spring, she said. It is

open to employees from other cities and counties — this year, employees from localities including Lyon and Churchill counties participated.

On Friday, topics included incident management, home visits

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BRAD COMAN

Two large heating tanks will be the first equipment craned into the Bently Heritage Distillery silos sometime this month.

Bently work continuing on pace

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While 2017 may be the year that work at the Bently Heritage Distillery site is completed, there's lot's to do before the whiskey starts flowing.

Two large heating tanks will be the first equipment craned into the distillery silos sometime in March,

according to Bently Marketing Director Kristine Youngberg.

Once the mash tun, fermenters and Forsyth stills are inside the cloverleaf-shaped space that once held Dangberg grain, the company hopes to have the silo roof up a short time later.

Youngberg said the company is looking at completing work on the site through summer and early fall.

Meanwhile, the most important part of the distilling process — the ingredients — are being grown in Carson Valley.

Last year the Bently Ranch grew and harvested four kinds of malting barley and seven types of grain including rye, soft winter wheat, soft white spring wheat, corn, triticale, hullless oats and spelt.

"In 2017, we will be expanding

the malting barley we are planting to include full pint and synergy, and will be including teff in our grain program," she said.

Construction is underway on the storage facilities for all of the grain grown on the ranch, as workers finish construction of the granary and malting facility.

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COURTESY OF JEFF BUTCHER

Jeff Butcher of Gardnerville is shown skibiking during a backcountry trek at Hoodoo, Ore.

Skibiking is his passion

"I ran across Skibikes at Homewood Ski Resort in Lake Tahoe in 1971. I rented one, had the time of my life and never looked back! What a rush! It's so much fun! I had found my new passion!" — Jeff Butcher, American SkiBike Association representative

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Jeff Butcher well remembers that day when he was introduced to skibiking as a teenager

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visiting the Tahoe area from San Jose. Now 60 and living in Gardnerville, he has not lost one bit of that passion for riding down a mountain on skis while seated on a bicycle frame.

Just call him an ambassador for a sport whose origin dates to the 1850s in Europe.

"It's a blast," he said. "First of all, if you know how to slide, like skiing or snowboarding, you have that slide factor so you know how snow reacts. And everybody's ridden a bike, so you just combine the two and that's what it is. Plus I like this feeling with the handlebars. I like to ride a bike in motocross or mountain biking."

Butcher promotes his sport as a representative for the American SkiBike Association.

"We're kind of like a family," Butcher said.

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Simpson pitches shutout for Douglas

Staff Reports

Hunter Simpson pitched a complete game shutout to lead the Douglas High baseball team to a season-opening 10-0 win at home against Truckee on Thursday afternoon.

Douglas scored five runs in the first inning to take charge of a game at Tiger Field that was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule. The game was played as part of the Mike Bearman Memorial Preseason Tournament.

Simpson, a senior right-hander, allowed four hits to go with five strikeouts and no walks over five innings.

The Tigers were sparked in the first inning by singles from Jayden Foster and Ayden Murphy, plus walks from Jeremy Aleman and Kindel Isham.

Murphy, a sophomore, hit 3-for-3 with a double. Spencer Trivitt was 2-for-3 with a double. Haydn Brown tripled and drove in three runs while Isham contributed a double and scored three runs.

Douglas came back on Friday morning and dropped a 6-5 decision to Enterprise (Redding, Calif.) in a game played at Ron McNutt Field in Carson City.

Haden Keller hit 3-for-4 with a double to lead the Tigers offensively. Foster went 2-for-4 and Riley Wilkinson 2-for-2. Douglas outit the Enterprise Hornets, 12-7.

Brown absorbed the loss as he pitched 3.0 innings.

Aleman pitched 3.0 innings of relief, allowed one hit to go with three strikeouts and two walks.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Evan Simpson drove in three runs to help lead a 10-hit attack as the Douglas JV team defeated Truckee 8-7 on Thursday. Caden Hultberg hit 3-for-3 with one RBI while Jonathan Antti went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI.

Dario Watroba stole home to break a 6-6 tie in the fifth inning while Camden Brown doubled and scored three runs.

Justin Stevens pitched seven innings for the win, allowed 13 hits, struck out eight and walked only one.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Douglas High hosting youth wrestling clinic in April

Staff Reports

The Douglas High School wrestling team will host a clinic over a span of four weeks in April.

The clinic for youngsters ages 5-16 will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. in the school's small gym. The dates are April 3 and 5, April 10 and 12, April 17 and 19, April 24 and 26.

The cost is \$125.

Instruction in basic fundamentals will be offered in a variety of areas, including stance and motion, single leg and double leg moves, Half Nelson, pinning combinations, escapes and switches, situational wrestling, and in the final session, full matches will be held. Call coach Jake Fair at 775-790-1390 for information.

Hunter safety class on April 8

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office will host its final 2017 spring hunter safety class on April 8.

The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and is limited to 35 students. Pre-registration is required. Visit NDOW.org or call the sheriff's administration office at 782-9900 for information.

Completion of a work book is

mandatory prior to the class. The work book can be obtained at the Sheriff's Office or purchased online.

The cost of the course is \$5; registration fees for student under 18 years of age is paid for by the Carson Valley Chukar Club.

The hunter safety class is certified and anyone who passes, will receive a certificate that is

Softball faces Utah, Arizona, powers

Staff Reports

Top-level competition was the primary objective for the Douglas High softball team in opening its season at the 21st annual Dave Kops Tournament of Champions in Bullhead City, Ariz.

The Tigers saw plenty of that on Thursday and came away with one win in three games on the first day of a tournament that is showcasing no less than 10 teams with national rankings at Mohave High School. They opened in the morning with a 7-0 win against Greenway (Phoenix, Ariz.), then lost 9-0 against Hamilton (Chandler, Ariz.) and 8-3 against West (Salt Lake City).

Hamilton, ranked No. 9 nationally by MaxPreps and FloSoftball, is the defending Arizona Division 1 state champion. West was the Utah 5A state runner-up in 2016.

Amanda Hoffman pitched a four-hit shutout to defeat a Greenway team that went 18-10 last year. Mackenzie Brixey homered with one out in the first inning for a 1-0 lead. Kettja Bennett, Kylie Swan and Chloe Pratt connected for successive singles in the first inning as the Tigers went up, 3-0.

Hoffman pitched five innings, striking out seven and walking one. She worked out of a bases loaded jam in the first inning and only allowed three base runners over the last four innings.

Next up, Hamilton slammed two home runs and Abby Andersen pitched two-hit ball against the Tigers. Taylor Gindlesperger, an all-state selection last year, homered in the first inning. The Huskies added four more runs in the fourth inning, sparked by a home run from Bella Loomis, an Arizona State University signee.

Andersen retired nine straight batters to start the game before Casey Peck singled to lead off the fourth. Bennett walked and Swan singled to load the bases, however, Andersen retired the side on an infield fly ball.

In their final game of the day, Douglas took a 2-1 lead in the home half of the first inning against the West Panthers. Peck drew a leadoff walk, advanced to third on Brixey's single and scored on an error. Brixey scored on a sacrifice fly by Corryne Diaz.

West rallied back behind sisters Breah Ava and Huntlyr Ava. Breah, who has signed to play softball at BYU, hit 2-for-4 with three RBI. And Huntlyr, a sophomore, went 3-for-4 with a home run and five RBI. The sisters combined to hit 25 home runs during the 2016 season.

Brixey hit 1-for-3 and Pratt 1-for-2 with a double and one RBI for the Tigers.

The tournament continued through Saturday.

TAHOE BASIN SKI LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



SPECIAL TO THE R-C

Members of the Douglas High boys team display their second-place trophy from the Tahoe Basin Ski League Championships on Feb. 28 at Sierra-at-Tahoe. Among the Tigers are Blake Harper, Shannon Elmquist, Carson Shaw, Sean Dunkelman, Danner Hillman, Sloane Niccoli, Kaehler Angelo, Luke Walters and Bryan Harris. Douglas finished second in the combined team standings behind North Tahoe.



SPECIAL TO THE R-C

From left, Mary Weyland, Ariana Bilderback and Emily Hillman competed for the Douglas High girls at the Tahoe Basin Ski League Championships. Douglas also won the league's girls academic team championship.

Galena rallies for girls lacrosse win over Douglas

Staff Reports

The Douglas girls lacrosse club simply could not have asked for a better start Thursday afternoon in its home debut against Galena.

After jumping out to an early 2-0 lead in the first quarter, however, the first-year Douglas team found the going much more difficult as five-time defending High Sierra Lacrosse League champion Galena rallied to secure a 12-3 victory before a crowd of more than 50 spectators at

Gardnerville Elementary School.

Despite the final score, coach Daunelle Wulstein couldn't have been happier with the team's effort.

"I'm very happy with the way they played," she said. "The girls showed up and they put the pressure on from the start. This was a completely different team from the one that took the field on Tuesday."

Douglas had opened its season two days before with a 13-4 loss in which Desert Oasis Charter School in Fallon struck for three

goals in the opening minutes.

This time, Kat Wulstein scored to give Douglas a 1-0 lead and Amber Long, an eighth grade student, added another to make it 2-0. Galena came back to score three times in the final three minutes of the first quarter to take the lead. Wulstein, a senior at Douglas High School, scored three goals and Abby Jens had another Tuesday at Fallon.

Wulstein scored again in the game's closing minutes. Grace Brooks, Peri Buck, Jens and Long all had shots on goal in the

fourth quarter. Douglas took seven shots on goal overall.

"It was so much fun to see them play like that against a team like Galena," coach Wulstein said.

Douglas plays again on Thursday at Damonte Ranch in Reno.

The Douglas club received an assist in its debut from High Sierra Lacrosse in the form of a \$5,500 grant/loan. "We're paying back half of that," coach Wulstein said. "This is such a big help because we want to keep this program going for years to come."

SKIBIKE

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"Everybody wants to get the sport clicking."

The board of directors includes Don Koski, a longtime business associate who builds skibikes, including those that Butcher himself rides.

"Don Koski, his parents (Earl and Lil Koski) actually had the first mountain bike shop in the world, the Cove Bike Shop in Marin County. That's where mountain biking actually started," Butcher said.

Butcher, who lived in South Lake Tahoe for about 20 years before moving to Carson Valley, says he rides as often as possible and that Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort (located off Highway 50 west of Echo Summit) is his favorite destination.

Two other area resorts, Heavenly and

Kirkwood allow skibiking (rentals are not available in the region). Other skibikers like to go out in the mountains — including the Pine Nuts — and ride trails on their own.

"At Sierra, they're snowbike friendly ... I've been riding there for over 20 years," Butcher said. "It's always good to check with the resort before you go because sometimes you're limited where you can go on the terrain."

There are three different ways to ride, he went on to explain.

"The younger kids seem to like to ride motocross so they stand on the pegs and they use the suspension and they're just kicking out that back ski," Butcher said. "The way I ride, with my feet down and I wear Sled Dogs boots (a Norwegian company), is a totally different way to go. And the third way is to put little skis on your feet."

Skibikes do attach to a ski lift for the uphill

ride at a resort. Different bikes have different ways.

"The Koski bike is built so that it sits on one side of the ski, you hook the arm of the chair to the bike and you can even pull the safety bar at that point."

His first experience in the early 1970s came on rented Brenter Snowbikes.

"The bikes were black and silver, no shocks, plastic boot skis with steel claws in the back of the skis to help slow you down," Butcher noted in his biography on the American Ski-Bike Association website.

His dream, of course, is to see skibiking become a popular activity.

"Every year there are more and more riders so eventually it will take off," Butcher said. "In the 45 years I've been doing it, I don't think I've ever had anybody that I've hooked up with it that didn't find it easy to do."

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valid anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

The course covers such topics as wilderness survival, gun safety, wildlife habitat and conservation, archery and hunting regulations.

Molly Awards applications now being accepted

Me-for-Incredible-Youth, Inc. (MEFIYI) is now taking applications for student-athletes who

will be recognized during the 13th annual Molly Youth Awards Banquet on May 1 at the Carson Valley Inn.

This event is named after former Douglas High School student-athlete Molly Lahlum.

Applicants eligible for this recognition must be Douglas County students between the ages of 9 and 18. Student-athletes must qualify in each of following areas: academic excellence, athletic participation and community service.

Three \$1,000 college

scholarships will be awarded to seniors. Forty student-athletes will be selected for MEFIYI's 2017 class. A completed nomination form must be postmarked by mail or emailed no later than April 10.

Nomination forms are at www.mefiyi.org and click the Molly Awards link. Email mollyawards-dc@gmail.com or call 781-5954 for information.

Douglas alumni golf tournament on June 16

The Douglas High School football program will host its sixth

annual alumni golf tournament on June 16 at the Carson Valley Golf Course.

The Friday event will start at 9 a.m. with a post-tournament luncheon to follow at the Carson Valley Country Club. Participants will receive a complimentary gift.

The cost is \$100 per person for those who register before May 1 (\$125 afterward) or \$400 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 per hole.

Contact Douglas coach Ernie Monfiletto at emonfile@dcsd.k12.nv.us for information.