Fab Four at Harrah’s Tahoe

The Fab Four at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe South Shore Room on Nov. 26 at 7:30pm.

Tickets are $30.

For more information, call 800.786.8208.

The Blues Broads at Harrah’s Tahoe

The Blues Broads are at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe South Shore Room on Nov. 5 at 7:30pm.

The Blues Broads are Tracy Nelson, Angela Strehli, Dorothy Morrison, Annie Sampson and Deanna Bogart.

Tickets are $25.

For more information, call 800.786.8208.

Frank Sinatra Jr. on the South Shore

Frank Sinatra Jr. at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe South Shore Room on Oct. 22 at 7:30pm.

Tickets are $65.

For more information, call 800.786.8208.

WAR plays at Harrah’s Tahoe

WAR plays at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe South Shore Room on Sept. 17 at 7:30pm.

Tickets are $29.

For more information, call 800.786.8208.

Wildflower festival

Kirkwood’s annual wildflower festival is July 30 from noon-5pm.

More information is online.

Election season in Lake Tahoe Basin begins in July

Do you have what it takes to run for an elected position?

Decision time is looming.



In Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Mike Doyle, Larry Green and Sue Novasel's terms are up. On the Lake Tahoe Community College board, Karen Borges and Fritz Wenck's terms are up. The terms of Mary Lou Mosbacher and Dale Rise are up on the South Tahoe Public Utility District.

Here are the other El Dorado County seats that will be on the November ballot.

Potential candidates may file for any of those positions beginning July 18. The deadline to file is Aug. 12 at 5pm unless an incumbent does not file – then the deadline is extended to Aug. 17.

There are Placer County offices being decided this fall as well as ones in Washoe County.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Double tax stings N. Shore residents on county line

By George Warren, News 10

TRUCKEE – It may be legal, but that doesn't make it right. Property owners in a Donner Lake neighborhood are paying double taxes to the local school district because the county line splits their property.

"I just feel it's unfair," said one of the homeowners who

asked that her name not be used.

There are 18 modest homes on the south side of Cottonwood Street with their front yards in Nevada County and the actual house in Placer County. A 19th property split by the county line is a vacant lot.

Each address has two parcel numbers, one in each county.

The two counties take a pro-rated share of property tax based on the value of land and improvements in each jurisdiction. But a voter-approved special assessment for the Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District imposes a flat rate parcel tax that has been levied since 1989.

Last year's school district parcel tax was $98. Voters recently approved boosting the tax to $135 beginning next school year.

"It's not a lot of money. It's the principle," said the property owner who spoke to News10. She said the school district was unresponsive when she raised the issue, suggesting instead she apply for a senior exemption available to any property owner over the age of 65.

Read the whole story

Free coaching for job seekers

Susie Meier, a career counselor and employment specialist, is providing free help to job seekers. She will help with finding people employment, with resume and cover letter writing, and interview techniques.

Meier has been in this field for more than 20 years. She

taught career planning at Lake Tahoe Community College.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (530) 721.1506.

Opinion: Viking Stadium turning into the community's gridiron

By Angie Keil and Lizzy Latenser

Lake Tahoe Unified School District is excited to announce the latest donors to the South Tahoe High School Viking Stadium Renovation Project. With Phase I under way, Heavenly Mountain Resort and the South Tahoe Alliance of Resorts (formerly the Lake Tahoe Gaming Alliance) have announced they intend to match community donations for the Friday Night Lights drive up to $20,000.

Heavenly and STAR each intend to contribute $10,000 to the stadium construction and are challenging other community members to get their donations in by Aug. 15 to contribute to the donation match.



Viking Stadium is on schedule

to be ready
for the 2011
season.
Photo/Steve
Morales

“These generous donations are an example of how local organizations are making a difference in the revitalization of community facilities and spirit,” Superintendent Jim Tarwater said.

At a ground-breaking ceremony at South Tahoe High School this week, football players, cheerleaders, coaches, faculty, administrators, and board members applauded the initiative of both organizations and other community members.

“We want to see our students thrive in Lake Tahoe and know how excited the community is to help renovate the stadium at South Tahoe High School,” Pete Sonntag, general manager of Heavenly Mountain Resort, said. “In an effort to challenge the community and contribute to the fundraising goal, we are partnering with the South Tahoe Alliance of Resorts to match all cash community donations up to $20,000. We want this matching gift to be a strong gesture of support from us to every student, athlete, cheerleader, parent, and community supporter in Lake Tahoe.”

Last year, the South Lake Tahoe community overwhelmingly embraced the Friday Night Lights concept when almost a thousand spectators turned out for two football games that were played under rented portable lights. Using $1.1 million in developer fees that are specifically set aside for school construction, LTUSD is now renovating the almost half-century-old stadium with an artificial turf field, permanent stadium lighting, a concession stand and restrooms. LTUSD is actively seeking grants and donations to help cover the approximately $340,000 cost for the permanent lighting and artificial turf through its Friday Night Lights drive.

“The new lights are a big part of this great community enhancement project that will provide a quality facility for our residents to enjoy for years to come,” Mike Bradford, CEO of Lakeside Inn and Casino and member of South Tahoe Alliance of Resorts, said. “Not only will this be an incredible facility for the students but it will also attract a wide variety of sporting events that bring visitors to Tahoe with the end result being a positive economic impact to our city.”

The deadline to purchase a commemorative brick has been extended to July 8. Donations from the brick sale and other contributions have yielded $65,000 and a Tire-derived Product Grant of $92,000 has been awarded by California.

The Gooding Family Foundation and Tony Gooding have contributed $30,000 to the project, while Stephen Bannar has donated $5,000.

For more information on how to donate, contact Angie Keil at (530) 541.2850, ext. 225 or go online.

Angie Keil works for LTUSD and Lizzy Latenser works for Heavenly.

Chase turns 1-woman company into international real estate firm

By Jason Hildago, Reno Gazette-Journal

Clarity is the hallmark of Lake Tahoe’s pristine, blue waters.

But when Shari Chase first decided to move to Tahoe from San

Francisco a few decades ago, the path to founding her own company wasn't as crystal clear.

"I really just wasn't quite sure about what I was going to do," Chase said. "So, I came up with this notion of finding five very wealthy families throughout the world and doing all their real estate transactions for them."



Shari Chase

In the end, it was a plan that never quite got off the ground, Chase said. But the experience she gained while pursuing that idea would prove to be the foundation for Chase International Real Estate.

These days, the company counts eight offices under the Chase umbrella, including a European branch based in London. The Chase family includes about 225 agents.

Not bad for a venture that was essentially a one-woman enterprise its first three to four years.

"I never dreamed that the company would expand to the size and caliber that it is now," Chase said. "A big reason is that we decided to do things absolutely differently. We didn't look at the industry and say, 'This is how the industry works.' We created our own vision for the marketplace."

Read the whole story