

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The photo above is a copy of a certificate that was sent out by Lake Tahoe Unified School District to students. Note that all the words are not spelled correctly.

• Lakeside Inn & Casino at Stateline turned 30 on May 24.

• Effective June 1, outdoor irrigation with potable water is down to two days per week and only on Tuesdays and Fridays for Truckee Donner Public Utility District customers.

• The Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe's new shelter has been a huge success and dramatically increased the number of animals saved from overcrowded urban and rural shelters. With the increased rate in rescues, the Humane Society was in need of a specialized animal-transport vehicle to make saving thousands of more lives possible. Thanks to the support of multiple foundations, necessary funds were raised and the humane society has acquired a new rescue transport van.

• Truckee Donner Public Utility District is one of 191 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn the Reliable Public Power Provider designation from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

Docents needed for Tahoe enviro ed centers

Residents who would like to help people learn about the region's environmental assets and challenges are needed to serve as volunteer docents at the UC Davis Tahoe Science Center in Incline Village and the Eriksson Education Center in Tahoe City.

Docent training will take place June 2, 4 and 6; culminating with a trip on the UC Davis research vessel on June 12. Attendance at all three training sessions is strongly recommended.

No science experience is necessary.

To RSVP, contact Carley O'Connell at 775.881.7560, ext. 7474 or email coconnell@ucdavis.edu.

For more information about the docent program, go online.

Concert to raise money to protect Tahoe forests

Rock the Ridge Concert is a fundraiser to protect Tahoe's ridgelines from development.

Peter Joseph Burtt and the King Tide, Sneaky Creatures, Flip the Record, Charles the 1st, Zebuel, and IJV will play at the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista on June 20 from 1-8pm.

There will also be a raffle, silent auction, food and beverages.

The \$15 tickets are available at the Grid and Central Market or online. Day of event tickets are \$20, while a family of four pays \$50.

SLT rec center to host open house

The South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Department is being joined by the Lake Tahoe Historical Museum and Lake Tahoe Visitors Center to celebrate the city's 50th anniversary.

The June 6 event is one of several the city is hosting leading up to the big party in November.

From 10am-2pm will be the Spring into Summer party, which includes tours of the recreation center, an opportunity to sign up for South Tahoe Adventure Recreation (STAR) Summer camp, enroll in swim lessons, enjoy refreshments and more.

The Recreation and Swim Complex is located at 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd. For more information, call 530.542.6056.

North Tahoe planning clean up day

On June 6, more 100 volunteers in Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Carnelian Bay and Crystal Bay are expected to take to the streets to pick up trash as part of the annual North Tahoe Community Clean Up Day.

Registration will be at 9am at Community House located at 265 Bear St., Kings Beach for Carnelian Bay, Tahoe Vista, Kings Beach and Crystal Bay.

At registration volunteers will be assigned specific locations and receive gloves, bags, snacks and volunteer appreciation goodies, while supplies last.

After the “dirty work”, volunteers are invited to a party from 11:30am-1pm at Tahoe Central Market. Following the volunteer party, Tahoe Central Market will host the second annual summer kick-off party featuring live music, local farmers, vendor booths and craft beer and wine tasting.

Last year, more than 2,800 pounds of garbage were collected at the clean up day.

Talk to focus on gut microbiome, nutrition and disease

Carolyn Slupsky of the UC Davis Departments of Nutrition and Food Science & Technology will give a free talk June 11 at 6pm

at the Tahoe Science Center in Incline Village.

Diet can have considerable effects on the gut microbiome and overall metabolism, and its quality has been linked with overall health. Slupsky will describe how diet can impact the gut microbiome, and how the microbes in our gut can influence our health.

Cost is \$5. A no-host bar opens at 5:30pm. The talk is at 291 Country Club Drive in Incline Village.

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- River Ranch is hosting a fund-raising dinner for the Truckee Donner Land Trust on June 11 from 5:30-9pm. For more info, call 530.583.4264.

- Fifty Fifty Brewery in Truckee is making changes. With the owner being the mayor, some questions have arisen about some of the decision-making processes. Check out this story for more details.

- The Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party at the South Lake Tahoe Library is June 26 at 2pm. It is free to attend.

- Sheryl Ferguson will lead a bird watching tour in Washoe Meadows State Park on May 30 from 8-10am. Space is limited. RSVP to Lynne at LCPaulson@comcast.net or Krissi at 530.577.4335. Meet at 758 Little Bear Lane a little before 8am.

- High Fives Foundation raised nearly \$30,000 at its fund-

raising golf tournament this month.

Goldman to give talk in Incline

Renowned limnologist Charles Goldman will tell stories and the history of five decades of scientific research at Lake Tahoe and the challenges ahead at a June 4 talk in Incline Village.

UC Davis research at Lake Tahoe began with Goldman. In 1959, Goldman formed the Tahoe Research Group and began regularly monitoring Lake Tahoe.

Goldman is retired from UC Davis where he had been a professor since 1958. He developed the first courses in limnology (the study of fresh waters) and oceanography at UC Davis.

The talk is at 6pm at the Tahoe Science Center on the campus of Sierra Nevada College. Cost is \$5. The no-host bar opens at 5:30pm.

Muir's descendant to give

talk in S. Lake Tahoe

John Muir's great-great-grandson, Robert Hanna, will share an intimate view of John Muir during a presentation at the South Lake Tahoe Library.

"Growing Up Muir" offers a personal view of Muir from the perspective of his family. Hanna will describe and uncover the many sides of Muir through family stories and never before seen photographs and writings.

The May 30 1pm talk is free. The library is at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

Then and now: From ski hill to paved road



What is now a road was once an actual ski run.
Photo/Stephen Gennerich collection

Carved uphill from historic Bijou Park on Highway 50 in the early 1950s was a man-made ski run. It had rope tows to pull people to the top.



Today Ski Run Boulevard is the main route to Heavenly Mountain Resort. Photo/Bill Kingman

Over the years, more and more of uphill Ski Run gradually was paved.

Approaching the top of the pavement on the right, a Mexican restaurant named The Guitar opened for business in 1961. That building now is a private residence. In the 1970s, Caltrans intended to build a highway from Meyers to Stateline and purchased properties to cross Ski Run Boulevard about where Regina Road is today.

Ski Run Boulevard provided access when Heavenly Valley opened in 1955.

– Bill Kingman