

Pony Express to carry real letters in re-enactment

The Pony Express will ride again in June for annual re-enactment.

In addition to being able to see the riders along various parts of the trail – including Lake Tahoe – it's possible to have a letter delivered this way.

Mail will be carried by horseback by more than 700 riders from St. Joseph, Mo., through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California between June 15-25. This is the same number of days it took 155 years ago. Riders will come through the South Shore on their way to Sacramento.

For \$5 letter may be carried. Each will receive a special commemorative postmark. For more info, go online.

Then and now: Early PR for South Shore

On March 24, 1955, Sacramento City Councilman Clarence Azevedo addressed his City Council to extend an invitation to attend the Sportorama at the Memorial Auditorium to be held that May. Participating in Sportorama were several South Shore businesses which organized a booth at the event.

Here is a flyer about Sportorama provided courtesy of Dave Kurtzman.

This was 10 years before the city of South Lake Tahoe was incorporated.

The grand door prize for visitors to that booth was an expense-paid weekend at Lake Tahoe, as detailed in this typewritten promotion page from 1955.

The often-mentioned Playland Motel later became the Highland Inn, just recently gutted and now being remodeled, next to Carrows Restaurant near the state line.

Below is a Harvey's Wagon Wheel advertisement (provided by Lake Tahoe Historical Society), which I estimate to be from the same era. Harrah's was yet to open.



— Bill Kingman

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- Kahle Community Center is having an Easter egg hunt April 3 at 11am for kids 6 and younger. Bring a basket to collect eggs.

- NAMI El Dorado County is providing free monthly support group meetings in South Lake Tahoe starting June 9 at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Road, from 6-7:30pm. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month. Support is free for family members who have a loved one living with a serious mental illness. For more info, email f2fnami@gmail.com.

- Here are the Lake Tahoe-El Dorado and Sierra roadwork schedule from Caltrans for this week.

- The Family Resource Center, Sugar Pine Foundation and Vail employees will be planting sugar pines behind the fire station at Golden Bear in South Lake Tahoe on April 11 from 10am-noon. For information, contact DeAnne Hooper at 530.542.0740 or dhooper@tahoeefrc.org.

- The South Lake Tahoe Family Resource Center's 12th annual Cinco de Mayo festival at Heavenly's California Lodge is May 1 from 5-10pm. Tickets are on sale at the center for \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 6 to 12 years old will be admitted for \$10 and children younger than 5 are free. For more info, call 530.542.0740.

TRPA educating real estate community on BMP disclosures

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency will host several workshops for the real estate community regarding best management practices and an enhanced BMP disclosure form for real estate transactions.

TRPA requires people selling property to disclose the property's BMP status to the purchaser prior to sale. The purchaser must submit a BMP disclosure form to TRPA within 30 days of sale. The new BMP disclosure form can be submitted to TRPA electronically.

These upcoming workshops offer an opportunity for real estate professionals to learn more about this new BMP disclosure form as well as other point of sale disclosure requirements and TRPA systems available for people to research property information online.

They are scheduled for:

- March 31, 10am, Tahoe/Sierra Board of Realtors, 12315 Deerfield Drive, Truckee.
 - April 28, 8am, Nevada Board of Realtors, Parasol Building, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village.
 - May 6, noon, TRPA Offices, 128 Market St., Stateline
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- Truckee firefighters have a new engine with wildland and ARFF capabilities. It is equipped with a 750-gallon tank, 1,250 gpm pump, 50 gallons of foam, a front bumper mounted pump-and-roll turret, a roof mounted remote operated monitor for stationary fire attack, Hurst extrication equipment, high pressure Nepiro  nozzles, aircraft specific extrication equipment, Scott Safety SCBAs, and more.
 - For the second consecutive year Tahoe Donner's Lodge Restaurant & Pub was recognized by OpenTable as a Diners' Choice winner for best service, ambience and food.
 - Some things never change. Check out this 1981 story about water in California.
 - Park City (Utah) Planning Commission approved Vail Resorts' \$50 million capital improvement plan, which will create the largest ski resort in the United States by linking Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons. Work is expected to be completed by the start of next ski season.
 - Sierra-at-Tahoe's Equinox Spring Festival has moved to the Lake Tahoe Golf Course in Meyers. The concerts are free from 3-6:30pm. Rainbow Girls play March 28 and the Family Crest on April 4.
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- Diamond Peak Ski Resort's last day is March 29.

- Julie Paradysz now owns Tahoe Tot Spot in South Lake Tahoe. Former owner Amy Thompson is focusing her attention on Inversion Gym in town.
 - Caltrans and Truckee will be having a groundbreaking ceremony for the Truckee Mousehole Pedestrian Tunnel on Highway 89 on April 2 at 1pm on the east side of the existing tunnel.
 - Authentic San Francisco vibes wrap up the FNCTN Winter Music Series with dance music pioneer Gavin Hardkiss headlining the April 3 event at Xhale Lounge and the funky sounds of Nurelix at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course April 17. Doors open at 8pm and admission is \$10.
 - Washoe County Regional Animal Services provides dog bite prevention presentations. To schedule one, email kstark@washoecounty.us.
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Kings Beach pier subject of workshop

California State Parks and the California Tahoe Conservancy

are hosting a public workshop on the potential reconstruction of the public pier at Kings Beach State Recreation Area.

The workshop is April 1 from 6:30-8pm in the North Tahoe Event Center (8318 N. Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach).

The upgrades are being considered to increase accessibility for pedestrians and boaters on the pier, as well as offer more recreation opportunities at Kings Beach SRA.

More information, including a comment form for those who cannot attend the workshop, go online.

Talk to focus on global food system

Josette Lewis from the UC Davis World Food Center will be talking about Agriculture, Food & Nutrition from Local to Global on April 23. This date has changed, it had been scheduled for April 9.

Lewis is associate director of the World Food Center, which was launched in 2013.

What does it take to feed 9 billion people? How does our food system encourage California agriculture to remain globally competitive, while reducing poverty in low-income countries? How can we deliver healthier outcomes for malnourished communities in Asia and Africa, while reducing rising obesity rates around the world? A food system that meets growing global demand must lower our environmental footprint as well.

Delivering solutions that address the complexity of these trade-offs requires connecting partners from areas spanning

scientific excellence, innovation, policy and industry.

The program will begin at 6pm, happy hour begins at 5:30 at the Tahoe Science Center, 291 Country Club Drive in Incline Village on the campus of Sierra Nevada College. Cost is \$5.

For more information or directions call 775.881.7566, or go online. To register, go online.

Fanny Bridge enviro documents up for approval

A series of meetings are scheduled in the next month regarding the final environment impact report, environmental impact statement, and environmental assessment document for the proposed Highway 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project.

The Tahoe Transportation District and Federal Highway Administration-Central Federal Lands Highway Division are proposing improvements to resolve the existing traffic congestion at Y in Tahoe City and address the long-term structural integrity of Fanny Bridge.

The project site extends approximately 0.7 miles on Highway 28 and 0.6 miles on Highway 89.

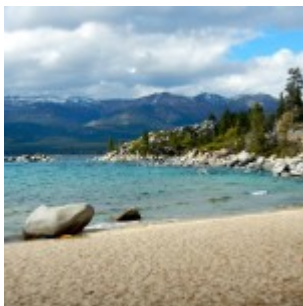
The environmental document is online.

The meetings are:

- Tahoe Transportation District, March 27, 9:30am at the Granlibakken, 725 Granlibakken Road, Tahoe City.

- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission, April 8, 9:30am at TRPA, 128 Market St., Stateline.
 - Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board, April 23, 9:30am at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach.
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- The annual South Shore tourism forum is April 21 from 3:30-5:30pm at Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. This forum will explore how Tahoe can set itself up as a leading recreation destination.
- On April 22 at 5pm there will be a workshop about South Lake Tahoe's single room occupancy ordinance. It will be at the Senior Center, 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
- Earth Day will be celebrated April 25 from 10am-3pm at Bijou Community Park in South Lake Tahoe. Earth Day recognizes, celebrates, and promotes the region's unique beauty, while educating the public about local environmental issues. Learn about ways to counteract global climate change through recycling and composting, alternative energy, water conservation, sustainability, and reducing one's ecological footprint.
- Tahoe Donner received a Best of Weddings 2015 award by the Knot, a multi-media company headquartered in New York City

that publishes content for couples planning weddings.

- Learn how to re-humanize the workplace with StartHuman. This workshop is designed to help people ditch workplace drama, achieve new levels of engagement and ultimately restore relationships between employees and employers. It is April 14 from 5-7pm in Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce's conference room. For more info, go online.