

Fundraiser for local woman with lymphoma

Longtime local Kathie McWilliams was suddenly diagnosed with lymphoma. She had to quit both her jobs to receive immediate treatment in Truckee.

There will be a fundraiser for her Nov. 13 from 4-9pm at the Flight Deck restaurant at Lake Tahoe Airport. Tickets are \$20 in advance and may be purchased at Blue Angel, Sunsational Tans, Nepheles, Flight Deck and Meyers Downtown Cafe. Admission at the door will be \$25.

Admission includes food provided by Nepheles, Blue Angel and Fasta Pasta and Cakes by Grace, and any entry for a prize. Entertainment will be by Jesse Kalen, Brian Murray, Ken Clark, Super Dave and Frank Benvenuto. There will be silent auction and raffles prizes from more than 50 local businesses.

For more information contact Rhonda at dobsoninc@sbcglobal.net.

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- The Valhalla Holiday Faire is Nov. 21 from 5:30-8:30pm, Nov. 22 from 10am-5pm and Nov. 23 from 10am-4pm.

- Public viewing of the Festival of Trees and Lights at

Harrah's Lake Tahoe is from 10am-2pm Dec. 4-6 and from noon-2pm Dec. 7. Cost: adults \$5, ages 55 plus and 2-12 are \$3.

- Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce's breakfast meeting Nov. 18 from 7-8:30am will focus on the ski industry, with Bob Roberts of the California Ski Industry Association speaking. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for others. The meeting is at the Truckee airport.
 - Corissa Welch now owns Tahoe Hair Company in South Lake Tahoe.
 - TRYP's November workshop on productivity management is designed to help people create calm amongst chaos. Alexis Robin of Nourish Life Coaching and Plink Coaching Center for Excellence will be speaking. The even is Nov. 19 at Tahoe Mountain Lab on Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe from 5:30-6:30pm. It's free for members, \$5 for others.
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Soroptimists looking for young women to honor

Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra and Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe are accepting applications for the Violet Richardson Award.

Each year the two South Shore Soroptimist clubs honor young women in the community ages 14-17 who are engaged in volunteer deeds such as fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; or working to end discrimination or poverty.

Each recipient will receive \$100. Interested applicants may go

online to SITS or SISLT for information and application. Applications are due by Dec. 1.

Help available for seniors navigating Medicare

Senior Care Plus offers free informational meetings at its Carson City and Reno locations to help Northern Nevada seniors navigate Medicare benefits and other options for additional coverage.

The annual election period for Medicare beneficiaries goes through Dec. 7.

The informational meetings offered by Senior Care Plus cover frequently asked questions and common misconceptions regarding the Affordable Care Act and Medicare, including changes to coverage, premiums, government agencies, benefits and more. Plus, for seniors looking to control out-of-pocket spending, information on Medicare Advantage Plans such as Senior Care Plus is available.

Senior Care Plus benefits are open to Medicare eligible seniors in Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe counties.

For informational meetings in Carson City, call 775.982.2914 or for Reno call 775.982.3191.

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- Sugar Bowl's Torchlight Parade with Santa and the Backcountry Ball is Dec. 13 from 5-10pm in the Judah Lodge. It's a fundraiser for the Sierra Avalanche Center and features professional big-mountain snowboarder Jeremy Jones. Tickets are \$20 at the door.
 - Northstar will host a Northern Lights Festival and Mardi Gras Celebration, as well as its annual Carve Tahoe ice-sculpting contest from Jan. 28-Feb. 2.
 - Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project construction activities have essentially come to a halt for the season, except for a few final wrap-up tasks that are still in the works.
 - Live Violence Free distributes food every Thursday from 9-10:30am at 2941 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe. Give-aways also include adult and children's clothing, toys, household and miscellaneous items.
 - Here are the El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra roadwork schedules from Caltrans for the week.
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Truckee raising money, awareness about cancer

Employees of the town of Truckee, including police officers, will begin to look a bit scruffy over the next several weeks. They are participating in the national cancer awareness

campaign known as No-Shave November.

The Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center has estimated it would treat 350 new patients from this area. The center has several programs for patients that are funded by the American Cancer Society which include wigs, transportation support, and travel expenses.

The goal of No-Shave November is for people to donate the money they would use on hair grooming to a cancer charity.

Employees of the Town of Truckee, have partnered with No-Shave November, a web based organization who is partnered with the American Cancer Society, who are devoted to raising cancer awareness and supportive funds by putting a fun twist on the month of November. And what better way to grow awareness than with some hair?

To participate in the Truckee promotion, for more info or to donate, go online and then hit the donate button.

Christmas tunes at S. Tahoe Library

Dream Spirit Baroque Band will be playing festive music featuring traditional Christmas tunes, and popular classics on Dec. 13 at 11am at the South Lake Tahoe Library.

Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Library.

The event is free, however non-perishable food items are being collected for Christmas Cheer.

The library is at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

Then and now: From bank to pet store



Tahoe National Bank
Photo/Private Collection

Tahoe National Bank existed from 1963 to 1979 before being absorbed by Central Bank. One branch was built next to the Tahoe Valley Post Office with a drive-up teller window.



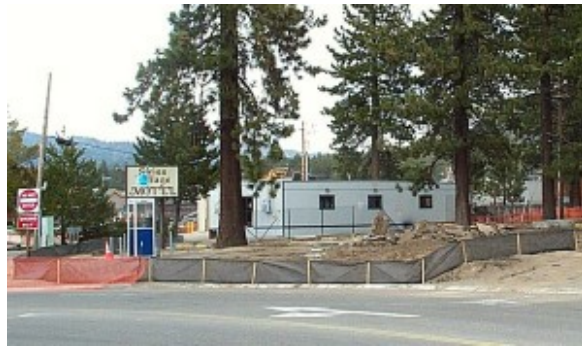
What the building looks like
today. Photo/Bill Kingman

That building later has housed a clothing outlet store, video rentals, and currently Pet Supermarket.



The Stateline area Tahoe National Bank building in 2003. Photo/Bill Kingman

The other branch was built where the Marcus Ashley Gallery now stands in the Village Center near Stateline.



Redevelopment took out the branch near the state line. Photo/Bill Kingman

Between that site and the adjacent junction of Pioneer Trail there had been the Swiss Village Motel with a phone booth, a gas station, El Dorado Savings, and the last Stateline, Calif., post office. They were gone with redevelopment.



A steam shovel is needed to
remove the bank vault in May
2003. Photo/Bill Kingman

The Stateline TNB building last housed Pacific Pawn. Upon
razing the building, the original bank vault inside posed a
challenge over several days.

– *Bill Kingman*

Additional cell tower possible on South Shore

El Dorado County planning commissioners on Dec. 11 will
discuss the possibility of adding a cell phone tower to the
South Shore.

New Cingular Wireless/AT&T is the applicant for the special
use permit.

The company wants to put a tower on the south side of Skyline
Drive about one mile northeast of the intersection of Highway
50 and Pioneer Trail. The proposal is for a 113-foot monopine
tower with nine panel antennas, equipment shelter, related
ground equipment, HVAC units, sound barrier walls, and solid
wood fence.

The meeting starts at 8:30am in Placerville.

Comments may be sent to El Dorado Planning Services, 2850
Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

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- The American Legion in South Lake Tahoe will have a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at 11am in the parking lot of the Legion. Tribute to our Veterans is the Placerville event for veterans. It is Nov. 11 at 11am at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument.
- Dec. 15 from 8am-5pm is the South Lake Tahoe Christmas bird count. Meet at Alpina Café in South Lake Tahoe.
- Tahoe Winter Wonder Grass is March 20-22 at Squaw Valley. Bands include Trampled by Turtles, Greensky Bluegrass, Nicki Bluhm & the Gramblers, Infamous Stringdusters, Elephant Revival and more. For tickets, go online.
- Kahle Community Center and Guy Yeaman will be starting a dog obedience class on Thursdays at the Stateline facility. Classes are Nov. 13-Jan. 8, 7-8pm. For more info and to register, call 775.586.7271.
- The movie premier of “Less” by Level One Productions is Nov. 23 at 6pm at Homewood Mountain Resort. The screening will take place outside the resort’s South Lodge by the fire pit. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.