

Then and now: Remodel creates a retro look



Shakey's Pizza used to be where Tep's is in South Lake. Photo/Provided

Some of the businesses housed in this long-standing structure have included Shakey's Pizza Parlor (pictured circa 1980), Bijou Furniture Outlet, a black and white shop for casino apparel, the state Department of Employment, Lou Pierini's Gold & Pawn, and others.



This South Tahoe building was remolded about 10 years ago. Photo/Bill Kingman

The building now houses Tep's Villa Roma (and weddings) plus Pierini's continuing business.

Aside from the facelift and remodeling of about 10 years ago, gone are the overhead poles and wires. This provides an improved street view.

At far left in these photos, the Shell service station has converted into Ski Run Liquors.

– *Bill Kingman*

Zombies to take over DC library

The Douglas County Public Library Teen Advisory Board is putting on “Zombie Cannibal Asylum,” a teen mystery play, on Oct. 24 from 5-7pm at the Minden library.

Investigate a murder witnessed by a room full of insane zombies. The staff of the zombie facility will be charged with solving the crime. Everyone attending will take part in the play and a costume contest.

This free program includes a zombie themed dinner.

Sign up by Oct. 22 – 775.782.9841.

NASA scientist to give talk

in Incline

Simon Hook from the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory will speak Nov. 13 at 6pm at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences in Incline Village.

Hook uses Lake Tahoe as a validation site for earth observation satellites that measure surface temperature and recently used satellite surface temperature measurements made over the last 30 years to study large lakes as climate change indicators. He is currently building an instrument that will be deployed on the International Space Station in 2017 and produce the highest resolution surface temperature maps available from space to study vegetation health.

He will describe his work at Lake Tahoe and around the Earth using satellites measurements of surface temperature and discuss the new ECOSystem Spaceborne Thermal Radiometer Experiment on Space Station mission.

For more information, 775.881.7566.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Caltrans has an extension to work on Highway 89 in Tahoma past the Oct. 15 grading deadline. Work on Highway 28 in Kings Beach is also continuing.

- If you need to ski before the Tahoe resorts open, Arapahoe Basin Ski Area (aka A-Basin) in Colorado opened Oct. 17.

- Nevada Department of Transportation PIO Julie Duewel's photo of the Stateline to Stateline Bikeway won in the Road Less Traveled category of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials competition.
 - Charter Advertising in Meyers has put a YouTube channel together for Lake Valley Fire Protection District. The feature video is an overview of the district.
 - TAMBA is putting on two trail building days in Incline Village. Meet Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 at 9am behind Tunnel Creek Cafe. For more info, go online.
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Food Bank working on S. Tahoe hunger issues

The Food Bank of El Dorado County will be in South Lake Tahoe to host a Hunger Response Network meeting on Oct. 22 from 9:30-11am at St. Theresa's Grace Hall on Lyons Avenue.

Local organizations will discuss the results of the South Lake Tahoe focused Hunger Study in an attempt to understand the community's needs and the best ways to allocate the Food Bank's resources in Tahoe.

Hunger response agencies, organizations and individuals in South Lake Tahoe who would like to attend should contact Carey Fong at 530.621.9950 or cfong@foodbankedc.org.

Based on the results of this Hunger Study, the Food Bank and collaborating hunger response agencies will determine the best way to mobilize the Food Bank's resources which include partnerships with California Emergency Food Assistance

Program, FoodLink, Feeding America, California Association of Food Banks, USDA, local grocers and others to increase food distributions to its partner agencies throughout South Lake Tahoe.

On the same day, the Food Bank of El Dorado County will also be providing a Free Farmers Market to the at-risk community of South Lake Tahoe at the American Legion from 10-11am.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Tahoe Rim Trail Association is asking users to take this survey.

- Patrick Johnson, biathlete and cross country skier from Truckee, is training to be on the 2018 U.S. Olympic biathlon team.

- Lake Tahoe Sustainability Collaborative Community Mobility group is asking people to take a survey about connectivity issues around South Tahoe Middle School. Here is the student-parent survey; and here is the community survey.

- Food Bank of El Dorado County is putting on a free farmers market for people in need on Oct. 22 from 10-11am in the parking lot of the American Legion in South Lake Tahoe.

- With ski season around the corner, a reader sent this compilation of ski-snowboard films get people in the mood.

Art studio gives back to nonprofits

Twenty members and friends of Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra recently spent an evening at the Lake Tahoe Paint and Sip Studio at Ski Run Marina.

Each month owners Jill and Frank Slipher provide a unique fundraising experience for a different nonprofit. They donate half of the \$40 per person fee back to the designated nonprofit.

Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra will use the donation to support local programs and projects for youth and women.

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- Douglas County Library now let's people borrow free digital video, music and audiobooks with a library card. For more information, go online.

- Here is the roadwork schedule for the Sierra from Caltrans.
- Cork & More in South Lake Tahoe is hosting a wine tasting Oct. 16 from 7-9pm as a benefit for Tahoe Arts Project. Cost is \$15.

- Oct. 14 is the last day for Nevadans to register to vote for the Nov. 4 election; Oct. 20 is the deadline for Californians.
 - Tahoe Cross Country and Alpenglow Sports are putting on the Fall into Winter Trail Runs on Oct. 25 starting at 9am. There are four distances. For more info, go online.
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Phone scammers successful in S. Tahoe

The South Lake Tahoe Police Department and El Dorado County Sheriff's Department received several phone calls last weekend from residents someone called saying they were identifying a specific individual from one of the agencies.

Residents were told that they had warrants out for their arrest for failing to respond to a jury summons. The callers were then told they could avoid arrest if they purchased "Green Dot" prepaid money cards and provided the code numbers to the caller. The callers used the names of local judges, court clerks and officers.

Many community members were scammed out of thousands of dollars.

This is one of many hoaxes involving law enforcement. Law enforcement agencies do not call people and force them to pay money to avoid arrest, nor do they demand payment to keep people out of jail or to free them from jail.

Douglas County to open community-senior center

The Douglas County community and senior center in the valley will open more than five months ahead of schedule and more than \$10,000 under budget. Contractors expect to be done Dec. 6.

Core Construction was credited for its help in keeping the project below the \$16.9 million budget as well as for finishing well before the original opening goal of April 2015.

The grand opening will showcase the building's 83,000-square-foot housing a full-size double gymnasium, jogging track, fitness facility, two racket ball courts, seven activity rooms, a preschool room, community health nurse facility, senior and adult daycare, grand senior dining room, lounge, gift shop and administrative offices.

Frontier Communications is donating free Wi-Fi to the center for the next five years.

The Douglas County Community Services Foundation is still collecting funds to help furnish and purchase equipment.